TOWN OF READING

THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES

For the Financial Year Ending Dec. 31

1909

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—FOR THE—

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

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W. E. & J. F. TWOMBLY, PRINTERS, READING, MASS.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1909--1910

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Fence Viewers

JAMES W. KILLAM, *Chairman*
OLIVER L. AKERLEY, *Secretary*
GEORGE L. PRATT

Assessors

JOHN H. ADDEN, *Chairman* . .	Term expires		1910
MILLARD F. CHARLES, *Secretary* .	"	"	1912
MERRICK A. STONE	"	"	1911

Town Clerk

MILLARD F. CHARLES

Treasurer

WARD C. MANSFIELD

Collector of Taxes

HERBERT M. VIALL

Auditors

EDWARD F. PARKER, Jr. CARL M. SPENCER
ARTHUR W. BANCROFT

Board of Health

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, *Chairman* .	Term expires		1912
FREDERICK D. MERRILL, *Secretary* .	"	"	1911
GEORGE L. FLINT	"	"	1910

School Committee

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman*	Term expires	1911
HOWARD W. POOR	" "	1911
ELIZABETH H. BROWN	" "	1910
HENRY C. PARKER	" "	1910
EDWIN L. HUTCHINSON	" "	1912
CHARLES A. LORING	" "	1912

HARRY T. WATKINS, *Supt. of Schools, Sec'y*

Water Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, *Chairman*	Term expires	1910
EDGAR N. HUNT, *Secretary*	" "	1910
ARCHER R. PRENTISS	" "	1910

Municipal Light Board

GEORGE L. FLINT, *Chairman*	Term expires	1912
JAMES M. MAXWELL, JR., *Secretary*	" "	1911
WILLIAM C. BUCK	" "	1910

Trustees of Public Library

HORACE G. WADLIN, *Chairman*	Time expires	1910
CYRUS M. BARROWS, *Secretary*	" "	1911
MARION F. DAVIES	" "	1911
J. WOODWARD MANNING	" "	1910
GRACE L. TWOMBLY	" "	1912
HENRY C. PARKER	" "	1912

Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery

GALEN A. PARKER, *Chairman*	Time expires	1911
ALFRED W. DANFORTH, *Supt. and Sec'y*	" "	1912
CHAS. H. STINCHFIELD	" "	1911

ALDEN BATCHELDER	Term expires 1910
FRANK L. EDGERLEY	" " 1910
J. WOODWARD MANNING . . .	" " 1912

Registrars

MILLARD F. CHARLES, *Clerk*

WALTER S. PRENTISS GEORGE H. CLOUGH

OWEN McKENNEY

Engineers of Fire Department

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief*

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

ALBION G. NICHOLS, *Clerk*

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

L. T. EAMES

Forest Warden

HERBERT E. McINTIRE

Deputies

WILLARD A. BANCROFT JOHN H. WESTON

G. F. BLANCHARD FRANK W. DAVIS

Constables

HERBERT G. STOCK JOHN STOCK

Police

WILLIAM T. LEGGETT, *Chief and Keeper of Lock-up*

WM. H. MANNING ROBERT POWERS

JOHN M. CULLINANE

Specials

SAMUEL BROWN
JEREMIAH CULLINANE
ASA PARKER
ARTHUR E. DAVIS
J. MANDE DOUCETTE
OSCAR H. LOWE
WALTER P. GLEASON
LEMUEL W. ALLEN
ALDEN W. SENNETT
WILLARD A. BANCROFT
JASON ZWICKER
CLEMENT GLEASON
HERBERT G. STOCK
WILLIAM J. ALLEN
WILLIAM H. KILLAM
WILLIAM C. SMITH
WILLIAM KIDDER
WM. F. WELSH
DAVID J. WHELTON

Truant Officer
WILLIAM KIDDER

Superintendent of Streets
LEMUEL W. ALLEN

Local Superintendent of Moth Work
GUY A. HUBBARD

Keeper of Town Home
WILLIAM C. SMITH

Inspector of Plumbing
GREENLEAF S. TUKEY

Inspector of Animals, Slaughter Houses, Meats and Provisions
CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

Sealer of Weights and Measures
FRANK W. PARKER

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors

EPHRAIM WIGHT

Tree Warden

GUY A. HUBBARD

Finance Committee

JACOB MITCHELL, *Chairman*	Term expires Dec. 31, 1911
FRANK F. STROUT	" " " " "
F. E. CRAFTS	" " " " "
ADELBERT E. BATCHELDER	" " " " "
F. M. SMITH	" " " " "
M. F. CHARLES, *Secretary*	" " Dec. 31, 1910
G. A. PARKER	" " " " "
M. A. STONE	" " " " "
SOLON BANCROFT	" " " " "
J. WESLEY DAVIES	" " Dec. 31, 1909
JOHN CONNELLY	" " " " "
A. NEWELL HOWES	" " " " "
FRANK H. NUTTING	" " " " "
F. W. B. PRATT	" " " " "

Measurers of Wood and Bark

JAMES A. BANCROFT	CHARLES WAKEFIELD
HAROLD F. PARKER	WENDELL BANCROFT
FRED'K WALLACE	PERCY N. SWEETSER

GEO. F. BUCK

Surveyors of Lumber

WENDELL BANCROFT	SAMUEL BROWN
ORA L. MILBURY	JOSEPH W. KILLAM
WARREN M. WHITEHOUSE	BURTON K. SYMONDS
WM. R. ZWICKER	EDWARD B. EAMES

GEO. L. FLINT

Weighers of Coal and Hay

GEO. L. ELLIS
CHAS. W. LEE
FRED M. PLATTS
W. IRVING BANCROFT
WENDELL BANCROFT
DANIEL LEHAN
WH. H. WHITE
WM. P. BUCHANAN
REUBEN WHITE
PERCY N. SWEETSER
HORACE J. HATCH
JOHN ROWAN
MANUEL FLORES

Field Drivers

ASA PARKER
WILLARD A. BANCROFT
HERBERT G. STOCK

NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES PHYSICIANS AND MIDWIVES

YOUR ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE SECTIONS BELOW TAKEN FROM THE REVISED LAWS. — BLANK FORMS FOR RETURN OF BIRTHS CAN BE OBTAINED OF THE TOWN CLERK.

SECTION 3, CHAPTER 444, ACTS 1897

SECT. 3.—Physicians and midwives shall on or before the fifth day of each month report to the clerk of each city or town a correct list of all children born therein during the month next preceding, at whose birth they were present, stating the date and place of each birth, the name of the child if it has any, the sex and color of the child, the name, place of birth and residence of the parents, the maiden name of the mother, and the occupation of the father. If the child is illegitimate the name of the father shall not be stated, unless at the joint request in writing of both father and mother, which request shall be filed with the returns of births. The fee of the physicians or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported, and shall be paid by the city or town in which the report is made, upon presentation of a certificate from the city or town clerk, stating that said births have been reported in conformity with the requirements of this section. Any physician or midwife neglecting to report such list for ten days after it is due shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

SECTION 6, CHAPTER 444, ACTS 1897

SECT. 6.—Parents and Householders shall within forty (40) days after the date of a birth occurring in his house give notice thereof or cause such notice to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

MILLARD F. CHARLES,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF READING IN THE YEAR 1909

DATE	SEX	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
Jan. 7	M	Franklin Wesley Zwicker	Jason W. and Lottie (Horne) Zwicker
Jan. 7	F	Dorothy Winifred McClintock	Leonard and Winifred E. (Gleason) McClintock
Jan. 14	M	Charles Leroy Cochrane	Archie L. and Bertha M. (Fisher) Cochrane
Jan. 16	M	Ronald Mansfield	John E. and Bessie (Skidmore) Mansfield
Jan. 17	F	Margaret Mary Flemming	James H. and Mary (Driscoll) Flemming
Jan. 28	F	Priscilla Alden Pratt	Winthrop E. and Harriett M. (Hyde) Pratt
Jan. 31	F	Winna Althea Stocks	George and Jennie (Schuster) Stocks
Feb. 8	M	Otis Parker Symonds	Warren H. and Rose S. (Bent) Symonds
Feb. 10	F	Gladys May White	Thomas and Marie (Babine) White
Feb. 10	M	David Harry Riseman	Jacob and Rosa (Levk) Riseman
Feb. 18	F	Margaret Sylvia Doucette	Alexander C. and Rose M. (Muse) Doucette
Feb. 20	F	Dorothy Dexter Jones	Albert L. and Katherine (McCarthy) Jones
Feb. 24	M	Edward Paul Wilson	Frank B. and Clara (Ferrus) Wilson
Mar. 11	F	Flora May Doucette	Gabriel and Viney (Muse) Doucette
Mar. 17	F	Madeline Perkins Broad	Wilbur P. and Blanche G. (Perkins) Broad
Mar. 25	M	Charles Edward Ellis	Charles E. and Margaret L. (Sjoblom) Ellis
Mar. 30	F	Ruth Evelyn Froton	John H. and Annie (Hogan) Froton
Apr. 13	M	Theodore Maxwell Blanchard	George F. and Hescilla (Mitchell) Blanchard
Apr. 18	M	Edward Lawrence Meuse	Edward and Mary (LeFave) Meuse
Apr. 19	F	Helen Conefy	William and Mary (Donovan) Conefy
Apr. 20	F	Katherine Farr Esty	Roy L. and Grace L. (Upton) Esty
Apr. 25	M	Frank Robert Beecher	Raymond W. and Lena A. (Mayers) Beecher
Apr. 25	M	Elverton Ellsworth Clark	Don C. and Alice (Nichols) Clark
Apr. 27	M	James Melvin Gillispie	James E. and Annie G. (Warren) Gillispie
May 4	M	Francis Leonard Meuse	Fred E. and Rose E (White) Meuse
May 4	F	Rose Cecilia Muse	Henry and Mary R. Muse
May 6	M	Walton Temple Crocker	Harvey S. and Lucia L. (Temple) Crocker
May 13	F	Phoebe C. Hatch	Horace and Sarah (White) Hatch
May 17	F	Floria Stevens	Frank W. and Sarah C. (Bel) Stevens
May 23	M	William Reginald Vanhon	William H. and Dora E. (Morrison) Vanhon
June 3	F	Glenna Gleason	Frank E. and Eva (Hodson) Gleason
June 8	M	James Henry Carleton	Philemon P. and Jean (McRae) Carleton
June 10	M	Anthony Andrew Wichland	Anthony and Annie (Ingram) Wichland
June 11	F	Mildred Cullinane	William H. and Mary M. (Surrette) Cullinane
June 15	F	Mary Melvin	Thomas B. and Annie (Gilchrist) Melvin
June 16	F	Carrie Henrietta Osol	Peter H. and Carrie P. (Delong) Osol
June 18	F	Marion Rose Meuse	Dennis and Rosanna (Doucette) Meuse
June 20	M	Donald Pearson Gray	Robert G and Bertha L. (Parker) Gray
June 21	F	Helen Badger	William S. and Florence (Pitman) Badger
June 22	M	Henry Scott Sprague	William G. and Ida M. (Scott) Sprague
June 23	M	William Kenneth Barrett	William C. and Mary C. (Riley) Barrett
June 24	F	Eleanor Harvey	Fred P. and Bertha (Drake) Harvey
June 30	M	Willard Arthur Gaw	Robert and Lizzie (Kinneau) Gaw
July 4	F	Muriel Priscilla Barrett	Stanley M. and Jennie M. (Murphy) Barrett
July 7	M	Lysle DeLong	Ornie L. and Marian (Ruane) DeLong
July 12	M	John Edward Doucette	James A. and Mary (Hubbard) Doucette
July 16	F	Grace Thelma Stacey	Herbert L. and Mary (Gilman) Stacey
July 17	F	Dorothea Beatrice Davis	Charles and Florence (Marshall) Davis
July 18	M	George Ronald McClintock	George F. and Grace (Broad) McClintock
July 18	F	Ruth Wescott	Joseph H. and Helen (Erskine) Westcott
July 20	M	Walter Keniston Thaxter	Ralph W. and Jessie (Cummings) Thaxter
July 20	F	Florence May White	John W. and Martha W. White
July 24	M	Andrew A. Zanni	Angelo and Katrina (Cuneo) Zanni
July 24	M	Leon Vincent Doucette	James and Elizabeth (Smith) Doucette
July 28	F	Agnes Gertrude Meuse	William and Mary E. (Doucette) Meuse
July 29	M	Francis William Ellis	Alfred W. and Alice (Shanahan) Ellis
Aug. 12	F	Naomi M. D. Griffiths	George B. and Fannie (Soodey) Griffiths
Aug. 15	F	Charlotte Eleanor Huskins	Arthur and Catherine (Waters) Huskins
Aug. 15	F	Cathleen Helen Palmer	Thomas M. and Helen E. (Hughey) Palmer
Aug. 25	F	Mary Elizabeth Adden	Willard P. and Anne (Perry) Adden
Aug. 25	F	Millicent Winslow Dodge	Harry B. and Mildred D. (Haley) Dodge

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF READING IN THE YEAR 1909

DATE	SEX	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
Aug. 25	F	Thelma Edith Brown	Harold A. and Annie L. (Draffin) Brown
Sept. 1	M	Wilbur Smith Sias, Jr	Wilbur S. and Blanche I. (Nichols) Sias
Sept. 14	F	Bertha Isabelle Livermore	Henry and Stella (Harris) Livermore
Sept. 17	F	Madeline Nancy Lyons	Henry C. and Eva M. (Kennedy) Lyons
Sept. 20	F	Vida May Williams	Arthur E. B. and Irene (Gordon) Williams
Sept. 21	F	Grace Leone Doucette	George L. and Grace E. (Rabicheau) Doucette
Sept. 24	F	Dorothy Bowman Lane	Electus G. and Avoline (Ewing) Lane
Sept. 27	F	Ruth Atwood Flanders	Charles H. and Lucretia M. (Stubbs) Flanders
Sept. 28	F	Beatrice Filmore Bryden	Henry W. and Edith M. (Filmore) Bryden
Oct. 1	M	Philip Raymond Harding	Lewis P. and Laura J. (Brooking) Harding
Oct. 3	F	Merte W. Skidmore	C. Morton and Pearl (Winters) Skidmore
Oct. 4	M	Walter Kilburn Freeman	James and Annie (Garcelon) Freeman
Oct. 4	M	Norman Richard Burns	William A. and Annie M. (Partridge) Burns
Oct. 6	M	John Jeremiah Doherty	Joseph B. and Katherine (Cullinane) Doherty
Oct. 8	M	John Anderson, Jr	John and Ethel (Hutchinson) Anderson
Oct. 9	M	Phillip Benjamin Swain	Frank E. and Ethlyn A. (Smith) Swain
Oct. 15	M	Harry Edward Upton	Frederick A. and Margaret (Cunningham) Upton
Oct. 17	F	Ruth Arvilla Merrill	Frederick E. and Inez (Putnam) Merrill
Oct. 20	M	Robert Edward Horrocks	Percy L. and Mary C. F. (Gately) Horrocks
Oct. 21	F	Alice Dorothy Clements	Frank and Annie (Doucette) Clements
Oct. 21	M	Alfred Kimball, 2d	Arthur R. and Ella (Parker) Kimball
Oct. 26	F	Nathalie Abbott Walsh	Richard J. and Ruby (Abbott) Walsh
Oct. 26	M	John Louis Croteau	Arthur J. and Elizabeth (Walsh) Croteau
Oct. 28	F	Mary Angeline Rudolph	Edward E. and Mary (Morrison) Rudolph
Nov. 1	M	Frederick Wakefield Heselton	Ralph F. and Harriet M. (Carter) Heselton
Nov. 1	M	Floyd Carty Welch	Raymond and Marie E. (Carty) Welch
Nov. 15	M	Dudley Bradstreet Killam	James W. and Alice G. (Demsey) Killam
Nov. 22	M	Gordon Fred Motley	Harry G. and Lilla M. (Morse) Motley
Nov. 24	M	Phillip Edward Grady	James and Margaret (Keeley) Grady
Nov. 26	F	Cecelia Elinora Surette	Augustus and Louise (Meuse) Surette
Nov. 27	M	Archie MacKillop	John C. and Annie (MacColl) MacKillop
Dec. 1	M	Melvin Lockwood Simpson	Frank T. and Margaret (Lockwood) Simpson
Dec. 4	F	Adell Beatrice Surrette	Albert O. and Elizabeth C. (Porter) Surrette
Dec. 4	F	Jessie May Goodwin	Chester and Lizzie (Baxter) Goodwin
Dec. 5	F	Dorothy Quinlan	Thomas H. and Annie (Kelley) Quinlan
Dec. 5	M	Leo Anthony White	Joseph H. and Elizabeth (Froton) White
Dec. 9	M	Newell Howes Morton	Jesse W. and Marion A. (Howes) Morton
Dec. 11	F	Rebecca Norcross	Josiah and Louisa (Bellows) Norcross
Dec. 13	F	Elizabeth Susan Dugan	William H. and Julia (Burns) Dugan
Dec. 16	F	Dorothy Martin Kimball	Walter B. and Mildred B. (Hayward) Kimball
Dec. 17	F	Alice Corinne Turner	Albert S. W. and Marietta (Putnam) Turner
Dec. 26	F	Elizabeth Manning	William H. and Annie (Thistle) Manning
Dec. 31	F	Gladys Louise Bolton	James H. and Agnes (Thorburn) Bolton
	F	Mary Bertha Doucette	Robert E. and Mary L. Doucette

OMISSIONS PREVIOUS YEARS

1888			
July 5	F	Charlotte Gertrude Parker	Asa and Sarah A. (Lythgoe) Parker
1889			
July 1	M	George Edgar Dulong	John R. and Mary E. (Muise) Dulong
1908			
Jan. 15	M	Fred Edward Meuse	Fred E. and Rose E. (White) Meuse
July 14	F	Edith Cummings Mellen	Charles E. and Lottie F. (Cummings) Mellen
Oct. 22	M	Gordon Antony Babine	Esley and Minnie (Jaquard) Babine
Dec. 18	M	Clifford Benjamin Bosquet	Herbert L. and Maude B. (Bailey) Bosquet

Whole number of Births 110; Males 53, Females 57. Nativity of Parents: Fathers born in United States, 69; Mothers born in United States, 65. Fathers foreign born, 42; Mothers foreign born, 44

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF READING IN THE YEAR 1909

DATE	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	AGE	OCCUPATION	BIRTHPLACE
1908				
July 25	Harry B. Dodge	21	Telephone Lineman	West Peabody, Mass
	Mildred D. Haley	19	At Home	Vassalboro, Maine
Dec. 30	Arthur Simpson	29	Grocer	Boston, Mass
	Edith M. Livingston	26	Bookkeeper	Shirley, Mass
1909				
Jan. 3	Eli Babine	29	Carpenter	Yarmouth, N. S
	Marion A. Babine	28	Neckties	Yarmouth, N. S
Jan. 9	Harold A. Brown	21	Yard Brakeman	Woburn, Mass
	Annie L. Draffin	20	Stenographer	Woburn, Mass
Jan. 14	Rufus F. Stiles	23	R. R. Man	Worcester, Mass
	Mildred L. Hallett	25	At Home	Mansfield, Mass
Jan. 16	Sidney Turner	26	Laborer	New Germany, N. S
	Maryetta Putnam	17	At Home	Beverly, Mass
Jan. 19	William C. Barrett	18	At Home	Hollis, N. H
	Mary Riley	18	At Home	Reading, Mass.
Jan. 24	Melzer I. Avery	24	Blacksmith	Saugus, Mass
	Luella F. Shattuck	32	Domestic	Andover, Mass
Feb. 10	Harry C. Motley	30	Telegrapher	Saco, Maine
	Lilla L. Morse	28	Music Teacher	Barre, Vt
Feb. 14	Robert E. Doucette	22	Rubber Worker	Yarmouth, N. S
	Louise Doucette	24	Necktie Maker	Reading, Mass
Feb. 17	William LaRue	42	Professional	Philadelphia, Pa
	Bessie A. Lamprey	20	At Home	Boston, Mass
Feb. 22	Arthur L. Hawkes	27	Clerk	Wakefield, Mass
	Emilie West Harmon	27	Neckties	West Suffield, Conn
Mar. 21	Max Janow	24	Electrician	Philadelphia, Pa
	Mollie Schleifer	18	At Home	Russia
Apr. 11	Frank E. McCallum	35	Merchant	Thomaston, Maine
	Edith A. Estes	35	Teacher	Chelsea, Mass
Apr. 12	Edward O. Kenney	27	Reading Rubber Co	Worcester, Mass.
	Ruth Carter	20	At Home	Lowell, Mass
Apr. 21	Edward P. Guild	52	Advertising Agent	Milford, N. H
	Ethel F. Belknap	25	Stenographer	Duxbury, Mass
Apr. 24	Benjamin R. Rosson	31	Electrician	Wakefield, Mass
	Inez Holden	22	At Home	Brattleboro, Vt
May 4	Martin J. S. Lindquist	26	Coppersmith	Sweden
	Margaret Clavsen	22	Domestic	Norway

May 15	E. Chester Goodwin	32	Sign Builder	Burlington, Mass
	Lizzie E. Baxter	31	Stitcher	Wilmington, Mass
June 5	William W. Sawyer	28	Shipper	St. John, N. B
	Catherine Thorn	21	Stitcher	Wilton, N. Y
June 9	Ernest Baker	29	Shipper	Montgomery, Vt.
	Bertha Baker	25	At Home	Burlington, Vt
June 18	Arthur A. Roberts	22	Shoemaker	Reading, Mass
	Sarah E. A. Hastings	19	Shoemaking	Gloucester, Mass
June 19	Richard W. Robinson	22	Block Signals	Reading, Mass
	Marion F. W. Tenney	22	At Home	Brooklyn, Connecticut
June 19	Thomas G. Vanhon	26	Plumber	Baltimore, Md
	Sarah E. Wakefield	24	Neckties	Reading, Mass
June 22	Earle R. Newhall	26	Foreman	Saugus, Mass
	Alice C. Nash	25	At Home	Norwell, Mass
June 29	Archer H. Holden	32	Salesman	Townsend, Vt
	Alice E. Wickens	23	At Home	Boston, Mass
June 30	Harry A. Turner	28	Motorman	Woodstock, N. B
	Elsie J. Johnson	21	Housework	Aplebo, Sweden
July 2	William H. Faulkner	25	Clerk	Lowell, Mass
	Catherine Connelly	22	At Home	Prince Edward Island
July 8	William J. Brophy	52	Machinist	Cumberland, Maine
	Charlotte N. Tasker	52	Nurse	Danvers, Mass
July 20	Perley G. Meek	27	Brakeman	Peabody, Mass
	Abbie J. M. Chellis	39	Housekeeping	Newfield, Maine
July 22	Charles P. French	30	Plumber	Brownfield, Maine
	Gertrude C. Swenson	30	Bookkeeper	Cohasett, Mass
July 27	Arthur H. Hoskins	22	Clerk	Stoneham, Mass
	Catherine Waters	26	At Home	Jamaica Plain, Mass
Aug. 22	Ernest F. Dinock	25	Brakeman	Nova Scotia
	Lizzie A. Burke	25	At Home	P. E. Island
Aug. 24	James Wilson Grimes	43	Lawyer	Hillsboro, N. H
	Helen A. Roberts	24	At Home	Reading, Mass
Aug. 27	Percy H. Underhill	26	Civil Engineer	Buffalo, N. Y
	Lula G. Scott	25	At Home	Reading, Mass
Aug. 29	William Shannon	39	Car Inspector	Boston, Mass
	Margaret Ferrick	30	Housework	Galway, Ireland
Sept. 5	Thomas J. Malarkey	25	U. S. Navy	Binghamton, N. Y
	Catherine L. Ainsworth	20	At Home	Melrose, Mass
Sept. 8	Elmer A. Harris	37	Salesman	Virgil, N. Y
	Lillian M. Cleveland	29	Stitcher	Yarmouth, N. S
Sept. 11	Frank C. Carter	29	Banking	Reading, Mass
	Mary E. Daniel	26	At Home	Wakefield, Mass
Sept. 15	Jesse A. Haley	31	Letter Carrier	Cambridge, Mass
	Frances A. Ruggles	36	At Home	Fitchburg, Mass
Sept. 18	Guy B. Cook	22	Clerk	Reading, Mass
	Marion T. Hopkinson	19	At Home	Lowell, Mass
Sept. 22	Merritt W. Smith	43	Carpenter	Elgin, N. B
	Mabel L. Hall	23	At Home	Reading, Mass

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF READING IN THE YEAR 1909

DATE	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	AGE	OCCUPATION	BIRTHPLACE
Sept. 29	Leonard G. Nichols	22	Ice Dealer	Reading, Mass
	Ethel Louise Strout	18	At Home	No. Reading, Mass
Sept. 29	John J. O'Brien	20	Freight Clerk	Reading, Mass
	Edith J. Nelson	18	Bookkeeper	Cambridge, Mass
Sept. 30	Ellis N. Melendy	26	Teamster	Woburn, Mass
	Lillian E. Shorten	25	Rattan Worker	Ireland
Oct. 4	Joseph W. Muse	19	Machinist	Yarmouth, N. S
	Fanny Doucette	20	Shoe Shop	Tusket, N. S
Oct. 5	William A. Haley	33	Salesman	Cambridge, Mass
	Margaret Flint	28	Bookkeeper	No. Reading, Mass
Oct. 9	Raymond J. Welch	27	Electrician	Lee, Maine
	Marie E. Carty	20	Novelty Worker	Yarmouth, N. S
Oct. 14	William R. Milbury	20	Signal Man	Reading, Mass
	Eva J. Cloudman	19	At Home	Bristol, N. H
Oct. 18	Percy R. Morton	26	Clerk	Brookline, Mass
	Florence M. Livermore	23	At Home	Watertown, Mass
Oct. 20	Clarence W. Brown	28	R. R. Man	Greenland, N. H
	Thannie W. Gleason	27	Clerk	Cambridge, Mass
Oct. 24	Chester A. Dimock	28	Carpenter	Newport, N. S
	Louise May Burke	28	Shoe Worker	Souris, P. E. Island
Oct. 25	George E. Meaney	33	Engineer	Boston, Mass
	Hannah F. Whelton	33	Clerk	Reading, Mass
Oct. 29	Thomas H. Barker	36	Draughtsman	Buffalo, N. Y
	Hattie MacDonald	28	At Home	Cardigan Bridge, P. E. I
Nov. 6	M. Edward Perry	20	Last Puller	Adams, Mass
	Maud Dulong	19	Operator	Reading, Mass
Nov. 9	Frank E. Stevens	44	Baggage Master	Kingston, N. H
	Emma F. Skinner	47	At Home	Reading, Mass
Nov. 16	Harry S. Ward	29	Chauffeur	Nova Scotia
	Lillian D. Holman	30	At Home	Nova Scotia
Nov. 25	Joseph E. Pothier	28	Carpenter	Eelbrook, N. S
	Mary N. Bourque	30	Nurse	Eelbrook, N. S
Nov. 29	Jotham R. Evans	31	Hotel Manager	Gorham, N. H
	Grace A. Platts	29	Clerk	Woburn, Mass
Dec. 11	Carl M. Spencer	28	Bookkeeper	Wallingford, Conn
	Elizabeth B. Beaudry	24	Teacher	Boston, Mass
Dec. 17	Milton E. MacGregor	25	Teacher	Hyde Park, Mass
	Helen A. Emerson	24	Teacher	Reading, Mass
Dec. 30	William H. Morrison	24	R. R. Clerk	Bass River, N. S
	Ethel May Alger	23	At Home	Springfield, Mass

Whole number of marriages, 62. Nativity of persons married: Born in United States, Males 49; Females 47. Foreign born: Males 13; Females, 15.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF READING IN THE YEAR 1909

DATE	NAME	Y	M	D	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH
Jan. 1	Abbie Peabody	67	5	2	Apoplexy
Jan. 2	John W. Gleason	32	11	13	Accidental Shooting
Jan. 5	Ellen R. Worcester	77	6	18	Apoplexy
Jan. 6	Arenesta Litchfield	71	5	0	Chronic Nephritis
Jan. 7	Edgar M. Martin	62	7	28	Phthisis
Jan. 16	Charlotte G. Quinlan		1	9	Acute Secondary Meningitis
Jan. 20	John H. Dunphy	19	0	0	Tuberculosis
Jan. 20	Lillian F. Howes	50	3	26	Chronic Rheumatism
Jan. 22	Sarah A. Holt	72	3	1	Carcinoma of Intestine
Jan. 25	Sarah J. Sweetser	71	0	13	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Jan. 30	Charles T. Lewis	32	0	0	Suicide
Feb. 5	Almond Barrelle	74	5	15	Heart Disease
Feb. 7	George F. Dewey	3	10	7	Scarlet Fever
Feb. 8	Mary Devaney	56	7	3	Myocarditis
Feb. 9	Elizabeth R. Bancroft	86	0	20	Obstructive Jaundice
Feb. 14	Caroline W. Porter	78	11	20	Lobar Pneumonia
Feb. 19	Angelina S. Buxton	87	0	7	Arterio-Sclerosis
Feb. 27	William R. Nokes	60	11	11	Apoplexy
Mar. 11	Mary C. Holden	46	4	11	Tuberculosis
Mar. 28	Jennie L. Parker	49	1	20	Peritonitis
Apr. 1	Enoch M. R. Smith	65	9	8	Hepatic Carcinoma
Apr. 2	Susan R. Cole	79	7	3	Arterio-Sclerosis
Apr. 7	Charles H. Gordon	58	9	20	Apoplexy
Apr. 15	Jennie L. Howe	63	1	7	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Apr. 16	Ida F. Flanders	59	9	13	Gastric Carcinoma
Apr. 19	Edward F. Parker	82	1	5	Myocarditis
Apr. 20	Frederic C. Emerson	35	4	3	Myocarditis
Apr. 22	Ella B. McKenzie	47	8	5	Acute Nephritis
May 12	George H. Beard	54	8	27	Gastro-Enteritis
May 25	Clinton E. Ordway	19	4	17	Typhoid Fever
May 25	Henry H. Howard	67	3	24	Chronic Nephritis
May 29	Gladys M. White	0	3	19	Measels
June 11	Charles Davis	65	1	6	Arterio-Sclerosis
June 13	Albert G. Ham	62	0	0	Multiple Burns
June 14	Mildred Cullinane	0	0	3	Icterus-Neonatorum
June 16	L. Eugene Brown	36	0	0	General Paralysis
June 18	Mary Lamprey	51	0	0	Cancer of Uterus
June 24	Frederick W. Blake	77	8	21	Arterio-Sclerosis
June 26	Barbara Perry	36	8	24	Tuberculosis
July 4	Roxana W. Freeman	75	7	13	Paralysis Agitans
July 18	George S. Houghton	76	5	15	Arterio-Sclerosis
July 25	Fred W. Ridlon	34	11	18	Endocarditis
Aug. 1	Mary F. J. Flint	88	0	8	Fracture of Femur
Aug. 10	Mary E. Welch	14	2	13	Endocarditis
Aug. 15	—— Rodden			2	Shock
Aug. 16	Chester W. Fullerton	34	0	0	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
Aug. 20	Katherine Norris	68	0	0	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Aug. 21	Eugene L. Lovejoy	57	10	0	Chronic Nephritis
Sept. 3	Phoebe C. Hatch	0	3	20	Intestinal Indigestion
Sept. 5	Elizabeth Ann Smith	77	10	0	Pneumonia
Sept. 9	Thankful D. Rich	79	10	4	Valvular Carditis
Sept. 14	Antonio Enos	65	9	1	Valvular Disease of Heart
Sept. 24	Lucy S. Kenney	55	0	0	Myocarditis
Oct. 4	Helen H. Canty	11	2	11	Tuberculosis
Oct. 10	Benjamin J. Bragdon	71	9	26	Bright's Disease of Kidneys

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF READING IN THE YEAR 1909

DATE	NAME	Y	M	D	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH
Oct. 11	Muriel M. Knight	8	6	13	Diphtheria
Oct. 17	Thomas H. Stewart	60	2	5	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Oct. 19	William I. Ruggles	55	5	12	Pneumonia
Oct. 20	George W. Hewes	86	11	25	Myocarditis
Oct. 21	Mary E. Stevens	57	7	2	Carcinoma of Abdomen
Oct. 24	Hiram Litchfield	87	5	10	Pneumonia
Oct. 24	—— Myers	0	0	1	Prematurity
Oct. 25	Marion L. Myers	19	5	25	Ac. Dil. of Heart
Oct. 26	Rosa Cuneo	56	0	0	Pneumonia
Oct. 29	Theodore F. Hannaford	64	0	0	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Nov. 6	John Damon	74	11	14	Heart Disease
Nov. 8	James C. Tobin	28	8	0	Abdominal Hemorrhage
Nov. 9	Frances Glidden	27	0	0	Phthisis
Nov. 18	Frederick R. Smith	51	4	10	Chronic Nephritis
Nov. 19	Walter G. Viall	48	4	8	Diabetes Mellitus
Nov. 27	Eva L. Field	22	2	11	Tuberculosis
Nov. 28	MacKillop	0	0	1	Defective Heart
Nov. 29	Sarah Smith	85	6	28	Arterio-Sclerosis
Dec. 9	Ira Batchelder	73	8	28	Suicide by Hanging
Dec. 12	Lucy A. S. Jaquith	64	0	15	Apoplexy
Dec. 16	Jacob D. Jones	57	5	27	Valvular Disease of Heart
Dec. 18	William E. Hooton	49	0	0	General Paralysis
Dec. 19	John Brewing	73	10	5	Railroad Accident
Dec. 20	Henry C. Gerritson	91	6	14	Broncho-Pneumonia
Dec. 20	Celia A. Dennison	68	8	7	Pneumonitis
Dec. 22	Nancy M. Johnson	93	5	16	Arterio-Sclerosis
Dec. 24	Judith A. Marshall	81	3	28	Heart Disease
Dec. 27	Caroline A. Prescott	82	10	10	Bronchitis
Dec. 30	Louise Sleeper		9	27	Bronchitis
Dec. 30	Helen G. Muise	1	0	0	Pneumonia

Whole number of deaths, 88. Males 44; Females 44. Born in United States, Males 40; Females 40. Foreign born, Males 4; Females 4.

TOWN MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 1909

Annual Town Election, March 1, 1909.

Reading, Mass., March 1, 1909.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereon a Town Election was held at the place and time therein specified. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles. Prayer was offered by Rev. William H. Parker. The warrant was read by the Town Clerk, also the Constable's return thereon.

The following ballot clerks were duly sworn by the Town Clerk: Chester C. Richardson, Horace E. Eames, Samuel Rounds, Frank E. Gray, Charles E. Mellen.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Proceeded to vote for Moderator. The ballot was duly opened and closed with the following result: Elmer E. Knight received seven votes; William I. Ruggles received four votes. Elmer E. Knight was declared duly elected Moderator. The polls were declared open after the ballot box had been examined and declared empty.

The ballots were duly delivered to the Moderator, who receipted to the Town Clerk for the same. The keys of the ballot box were delivered to the Constable in charge, Herbert G. Stock.

The following tellers were duly sworn by the Moderator: Walter K. Badger, Ralph L. Mears, John F. Sawyer, John Connelly, James A. Freeman, Charles H. Stinchfield, Spencer G. Stewart, Henry M. Donegan, Thomas F. Devaney, James A. Waters, Harry E. Smith, John D. Canty.

Voted to close the polls at four o'clock and fifteen minutes P. M. The polls were declared closed at the above-mentioned time. Eleven

hundred and twenty-six ballots were declared cast, which agreed with the number on register of ballot box and with names checked on voting lists as having voted, 1114 men and 12 women having voted. The following is the result of the ballot as declared: —

Town Clerk

Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft ave.	677
Blanks	437

Selectmen

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st.	614
William W. Atkinson, 20 Ash st.	339
James W. Killam, 16 Arlington st.	631
Frederic D. Merrill, 107 Haven st.	534
George L. Pratt, 71 Salem st.	606
Robert C. Totten, 7 Ash st.	160
Blanks	460

Overseers of Poor

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st.	581
William W. Atkinson, 20 Ash st.	323
James W. Killam, 16 Arlington st.	628
Frederic W. Merrill, 107 Haven st.	517
George L. Pratt, 71 Salem st.	592
Robert C. Totten, 7 Ash st.	159
Blanks	542

Assessor for Three Years

Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft ave.	637
George E. Horrocks, 25 Pleasant st.	422
Blanks	55

Treasurer

Edgar N. Hunt, 125 Summer ave.	468
Ward C. Mansfield, 49 Prescott st.	559
Blanks	87

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Merrick A. Stone, 79 Woburn st.	517
Herbert M. Viall, 42 Bancroft ave.	564
Blanks	33

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

Calvert H. Playdon, 8 Gould st.	891
Blanks	223

CONSTABLES

Herbert G. Stock, 8 Ash st.	785
John Stock, Belmont st.	540
J. Winthrop Sias, 67A Salem st.	416
Blanks	487

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

Harry P. Bosson, 53 Prescott st.	416
George A. Shackford, 118 Ash st.	600
Blanks	98

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD FOR THREE YEARS

George L. Flint, 42 Highland st.	525
John F. Turner, 147 Woburn st.	507
Blanks	82

TRUSTEES LAUREL HILL CEMETERY FOR THREE YEARS

Alfred W. Danforth, 25 Woburn st.	583
J. Woodward Manning, 128 High st.	770
George E. Pierce, 72 Prescott st.	517
Blanks	357

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS

Henry C. Parker, 40 Chute st.	824
Grace L. Twombly, 35 Highland st.	820
Blanks	584

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Edwin L. Hutchinson, 6 Grove st.	576
Charles A. Loring, 129 Summer ave.	648

Ansel S. Richards, 201 Summer ave.	550
Blanks	778

AUDITORS

Arthur W. Bancroft, 45 West st.	741
Edward F. Parker, Jr., 3 Salem st.	804
Carl M. Spencer, 33 Bancroft ave.	728
Herbert A. Tibbetts, 121 High st.	270
Blanks	799

TREE WARDEN

William Welch Davis, 94 Orange st.	291
Guy A. Hubbard, 255 Main st.	687
Blanks	137

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors?

Yes	186
No	746

Shall the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 476, of the Acts of 1908, entitled "An Act relative to vacations of members of the Police Department"?

Yes	410
No	170
Blanks	534

Shall the Town accept the provisions of Section 5, Chapter 209, of the Acts of 1908, entitled "An Act to provide for the protection of forest or sprout lands from fire"?

Yes	553
No	56
Blanks	505

The votes were counted in open Town Meeting and the result declared by the Moderator. Then the votes were sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk; whereupon it was voted to adjourn.

A true copy, attest: MILLARD F. CHARLES,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1, 1909.

READING, MARCH 1, 1909.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a Town Meeting was held at the place and time therein specified. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles. The warrant was partially read, whereupon a motion was made and it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant except the Constable's return.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 1. Proceeded to the Election of a Moderator. Willie E. Twombly and James W. Killam were appointed a committee to check and receive and count the votes cast. They reported as follows: Whole number of ballots cast, 174; George L. Flint had 107; Elmer E. Knight had 67. George L. Flint was declared elected Moderator.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Finance Committee, Tree Warden and Special Committees.

Art. 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 3. To choose all other Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Art. 3. Voted that the Selectmen act as Fence Viewers. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to appoint an Inspector of Wires in accordance with Chapter 122, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Voted that the Collector be instructed to collect all taxes (so far as possible) on or before October 1, and upon all taxes unpaid at that time to add interest at six per cent. per annum from said date until paid, and also to collect all taxes unpaid Jan. 1, forthwith, by process of law, unless delinquents procure an order from the Selectmen releasing them from immediate payment.

Voted that the Board of Selectmen have full power to settle the case of Grace Ticknor vs. the Town of Reading, in the case of alleged injuries on sidewalk on the North Side of Harnden st., next the Common near Salem st.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Sprinkling Streets, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Police Department, Moth Department, Forest Warden, Support of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Buildings, Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock, Interest Account, Care and Improvement of Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Work, Miscellaneous Expenses, Tree Warden and Rent of Playground.

Art. 4.

Voted to raise and appropriate for General School Expenses	$30,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Incidental School Expenses	5,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks	4,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Sprinkling Highways	450 00
Voted that the amount necessary for Removing Snow and Ice be taken from the regular appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.	
Voted that the amount necessary for Concrete Edgestones and Sidewalks (provided abutters pay one-half) be taken from the regular appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.	
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department	5,500 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Police Department	3,800 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for the Moth Department	2,096 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Forest Fire Warden	150 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Support of Poor .	3,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Salaries of Town Officers	3,500 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for State and Military Aid	2,500 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Soldiers' Aid . .	1,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Printing . . .	700 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Abatement of Taxes	800 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Town Building .	500 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Care of the Cemetery	1,100 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Public Library . (and appropriate the proceeds of the dog tax).	1,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day . . (to be expended by Post 194, G. A. R.).	175 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health	600 00
Voted to appropriate fifty dollars from the Miscellaneous Expenses for the care of the Old South Clock .	50 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Interest Account .	1,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Care of the Common, Mayall and Elm Parks	125 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Election Expenses .	300 00
Voted that the amount of money necessary for Concrete Work be appropriated from amount raised and appropriated for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.	
Voted to raise and appropriate for Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Rent of Playground .	342 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Tree Warden for General Work	150 00
for the Elm Beetle	200 00

Art. 4. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 5. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate, with the receipts of the Municipal Light and Power Department for the year 1909, for maintenance, operation, repairs, and new construction of said plant, and for payment of Bonds, Interest and Depreciation due by said plant during this year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 5. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to charge the street lighting to the Town at cost per kilowatt, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 6. Voted to authorize the Municipal Light Board to charge the Town of Reading for lights used on its streets per kilowatt at actual cost.

Art. 5. Voted to take up this article.

Art. 5. Voted that ten thousand five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for street lighting during the year 1909, and this amount, together with the receipts of the Municipal Light and Power Department for the year 1909, be appropriated for maintenance, operation, repairs, and new construction of said plant, and for payment of bonds, interest; and that three thousand three hundred and seventy-three dollars be appropriated from the receipts of the plant for depreciation of said plant for the fiscal year 1909.

Voted that Articles 7 and 8 be considered together.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to extend its lines to the Town of Lynnfield, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500) to extend the lines of the Municipal Light and Power Department to the Town of Lynnfield, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7 and 8. Voted that the Municipal Light Board be authorized to extend their lines into the Town of Lynnfield, provided advantageous contracts can be made for the use of the light,

and that to cover the expense of said extension, the Treasurer be authorized to borrow under the direction of the Selectmen a sum not exceeding ($2,500), and to issue the notes of the Town therefor bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent.

By vote 101 voted Yes and none No, and it was declared a unanimous vote.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install a forty (40) candle-power series incandescent lamp opposite No. 15 Sanborn street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. Voted to authorize the Municipal Light Board to install a forty candle-power series incandescent lamp opposite No. 15 Sanborn street, and that amount necessary be taken from regular Municipal Light appropriation.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install a street light at the corner of Chute and Mt. Vernon streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 10. Voted to authorize the Municipal Light Board to install a forty candle-power incandescent lamp at the corner of Chute and Mt. Vernon streets, and that the amount of money necessary be taken from regular Municipal Light appropriation.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install a street light on Kingston street, midway between Middlesex avenue and Mt. Vernon street.

Art. 11. Voted to authorize the Municipal Light Board to install two forty candle-power incandescent lamps on Kingston street, and that the amount of money necessary be taken from Municipal Light appropriation.

Art. 12. To see what instructions the Town will give the Municipal Light Board in regard to the insurance at the lighting plant, or what action they will take in regard to same.

Art. 12. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 13. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan and maintenance of water works, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 13. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate five thousand and forty dollars for hydrant rentals, five hundred dollars for water for street sprinkling, three hundred dollars for water for drinking fountains, a total of five thousand eight hundred and forty dollars ($5,840), and that the above-named sums, together with the receipts for water, be appropriated for interest on the water loans, maintenance of water works and service pipes, and that one thousand dollars be paid to the Town Treasurer to be used in part payment of the water bonds.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to lay a water main in Haven street, between Main and Parker streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 14. Voted that the Water Commissioners be authorized to lay a water main on Haven street between Main and Parker streets, and that eight hundred and sixty dollars ($860) be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to extend the water main on South street in order to connect with the water main on West street, and provide suitable hydrants for the protection of property in that section against fire, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 15. Voted to refer to Water Commissioners for further investigation, and to report at an adjourned Town Meeting.

Art. 16. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1, in anticipation of the collection of taxes for said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year,

giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 16. Voted that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1, 1909, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year), giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year of the date thereof. All debts incurred under the authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Voted to adjourn until Monday evening at 7.45 o'clock, March 8, 1909.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Adjourned Town Meeting, March 8, 1909.

Pursuant to adjournment March 1, 1909, a Town Meeting was held and called to order by the Moderator, George L. Flint.

Art. 3. Voted to take from the table.

Art. 3. Voted that Asa Parker, Herbert G. Stock and Willard A. Bancroft serve the Town as Field Drivers for the year ensuing.

Voted that William C. Smith act as Pound Keeper for the ensuing year.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark and Weighers of Coal and Hay, etc.

Voted that Ora L. Milbury, Wendell Bancroft, Joseph W. Killam, Warren M. Whitehouse, Samuel Brown, William R. Zwicker, Burton K. Symonds, Edward B. Eames and George L. Flint serve as Surveyors of Lumber for the ensuing year.

Voted that the Board of Selectmen have full power to settle the case of Fred Field vs. the Town of Reading in a suit for damages.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 35. Voted to take up.

Art. 35. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling vacancies on the Finance Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed not to appoint any member of a department or town officer in filling vacancies which may occur in the Finance Committee.

Art. 3. Voted to take from the table.

Art. 3. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed not to appoint any member of a department or town officer in filling any vacancy or vacancies which may occur in the Finance Committee.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 17. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 17. Voted that the compensation of the Collector shall be one-half of one per cent. on collections and postage expended in collecting the same.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 18. Voted that fifty dollars be appropriated to furnish electricity for Grand Army Hall from amount raised and appropriated for Miscellaneous Expenses.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand eight hundred and thirty-five dollars to meet the interest on School House Notes and Bonds.

Art. 19. Voted to raise and appropriate for Interest on School House Bonds and Notes three thousand eight hundred and thirty-five dollars ($3,835).

Art. 20. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School House Lot Note for two thousand dollars due April 21, 1909.

Art. 20. Voted to raise and appropriate to pay High School House Lot Note for two thousand dollars ($2,000).

Art. 21. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment on the High School House Note for three thousand dollars due August 1, 1909.

Art. 21. Voted to raise and appropriate to pay Highland School House Bond Note for three thousand dollars ($3,000).

Art. 22. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School House Note for five thousand dollars due November 1, 1909.

Art. 22. Voted to raise and appropriate to pay High School House Note for five thousand dollars ($5,000).

Art. 23. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment on High School House Note for one thousand dollars due December 3, 1909.

Art. 23. Voted to raise and appropriate to pay High School House Note for one thousand dollars ($1,000).

Art. 24. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School House Note for one thousand dollars due December 21, 1909.

Art. 24. Voted to raise and appropriate to pay High School House Lot Note for one thousand dollars ($1,000).

Art. 25. To see if the Town will purchase land for a playground, and how much money they will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 25. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to concrete the sidewalk on the north side of Woburn street, from Temple street running easterly to the present concrete,

and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to concrete the sidewalk on the north side of Woburn street from Temple street, running easterly to the present concrete, provided abutters pay one-half, and the amount necessary in addition be taken from appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to build a sidewalk on the westerly side of Belmont street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 27. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to build a sidewalk on the westerly side of Belmont street, and that the amount necessary be taken from the regular appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of properly draining Pleasant street, from its junction with Main to Parker street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. Voted to refer to Selectmen with instructions to investigate in regard to the subject matter of this Article.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to purchase one thousand feet of fire hose, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art 29. Voted to raise and appropriate to purchase one thousand feet of fire hose, $600.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to lay a floor in the room which is occupied by Hook and Ladder No. 1, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. Voted to raise and appropriate to lay a floor in Hook and Ladder Room, Town Building, $150.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the

sum of twelve hundred dollars for the purpose of laying out and preparing a portion of the new land in Laurel Hill Cemetery for burial purposes, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. Voted to raise and appropriate for laying out new lots in Laurel Hill Cemetery, $1,200.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) to purchase the Bank Building and land at the corner of Main and Pleasant streets, now owned by the estate of the late William Proctor, to be used by the Town for town offices, or for any other public purpose, at a price not exceeding ninety-seven hundred dollars ($9,700), the assessed valuation of said property; and to repair and make such alterations and additions to said building as in such manner the Town shall deem meet, or do anything else in relation thereto.

Art. 32. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to furnish creosote free to citizens of the Town to paint gypsy moth nests, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 33. Voted that the Town furnish creosote free to citizens of the Town to paint gypsy moth nests.

Art. 34. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the repair of the same.

List of Guide Posts read by the Town Clerk.

Voted to accept report of Selectmen, and that fifty dollars be appropriated from amount raised and appropriated for Miscellaneous Expenses to keep Guide Boards and Posts in repair.

Art. 3. Voted to take from the table.

Art. 3. Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be instructed to further investigate in regard to combining in care of the poor with the towns of North Reading and Wilmington.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 4. Voted to take from the table.

Art. 4. Voted that the Trustees of the Cemetery be instructed to pay to the Town Treasurer all money received for sale of lots.

Art. 4. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 2. Voted to take from the table.

Art. 2. Voted that the reports of Town Officers and Finance Committee be accepted as printed.

Art. 15. Voted to take from the table, and the following vote was passed: —

Voted that the Water Commissioners be instructed to extend the water main on South st. easterly from Walnut street to house of David Weston, and westerly from Walnut street to house of Jonathan Heselton and to extend the water main on West street to South street, thence through South street to house of Joseph Marshall, and that four one thousand dollar bonds be used to pay for the same.

Voted to adjourn "sine die."

A true copy, attest:

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, SEPT. 29, 1909.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a Town Meeting was held at the place and time therein specified, and said meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles.

The warrant was partially read when, upon motion by William I. Ruggles, it was voted to dispense with further reading of warrant except the Constable's return thereof, which being read, Article 1 was taken up to elect a Moderator. James W. Killam was appointed to check the names of those voting. The ballot was duly opened and closed with the following result: George L. Flint received six votes, all that were cast, and was duly declared elected Moderator.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will accept the Provisions of Chapter 539, of the Acts of 1909, entitled "An Act to establish a low-water mark in Lake Quannapowitt for the Town of Wakefield, and to provide for the drainage of the adjacent meadows."

Art. 2. Voted that the subject matter of this Article be referred to a committee of five to investigate and estimate the probable cost of land damage and cleaning out ditches, and other expenses, and report in writing at a Town Meeting to be held not later than one month from this date.

The following were appointed by the Moderator as the Committee: Lewis M. Bancroft, Robert T. Edes, M. D., John Connelly, Samuel Brown, Adelbert E. Batchelder.

Art. 6. To determine what instructions the Town will give its Town Officers.

Art. 6. Voted to take up.

Art. 6. Voted that the Water Commissioners are hereby instructed not to expend four thousand dollars in experiments in sinking wells in Grove street meadows.

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to discontinue suit Town vs. Mahlon E. Brande on sidewalk on Pleasant street.

Art. 3. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year commencing January 1, in anticipation of the collection of taxes for said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year of the date thereof. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 3. Voted to take up.

Voted that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1, 1909, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, the sum of one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars (such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the

Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year), giving the notes of the Town therefor payable within one year of the date thereof. All debts incurred under the authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 4. To see what action the Town will take in regard to building a school house on the Lowell street lot, and how much money they will raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 4. Voted to raise and appropriate six thousand dollars, and appropriate the proceeds of the insurance on burned school house of one thousand dollars, to build a four-room school house on the Lowell street lot.

Art. 4. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 5. Voted to see if the Town will enlarge the present Lowell street school house lot by purchasing land in the rear of the present lot, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 5. Voted to appropriate five hundred dollars of the money received for insurance for the purchase of land in the rear of the Lowell street school lot, being lots numbered 5 and 6 on a plan surveyed by James A. Bancroft for Martin B. Hartshorn.

Art. 4. Voted to take from the table.

Voted that for the purpose of building a school house on the lot on Lowell street the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, to issue the note or notes of the Town therefor in the amount not exceeding six thousand five hundred dollars, at the rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable within a period of twenty years from date of issue.

On a standing vote counted by tellers, fifty-one voted in favor and two against the above vote.

Moved to reconsider the above vote. Vote was not carried.

Voted to adjourn without date.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

State Election, Nov. 2, 1909

Reading, Mass., Nov. 2, 1909.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereof, an election was held at the time and place therein specified.

The meeting was called to order by James W. Killam, chairman of the Board of Selectmen and presiding election officer. Prayer was offered by Rev. F. S. Hunnewell, the warrant was read, the ballot box was opened, examined and declared empty and registered 0000. The keys were delivered to the Constable in charge of the ballot box. The ballots were delivered to the Presiding Election Officer, who receipted for seventeen hundred ballots.

The following ballot clerks were duly sworn: Chester C. Richardson, Horace E. Eames, John F. Sawyer, George L. Flint, Samuel Rounds, Frank E. Gray.

And the following were duly sworn as tellers: Clinton L. Newell, John Connelly, Harry E. Cook, Spencer G. Stewart, William H. Baker, Henry M. Donegan, Walter K. Badger.

The polls were declared open at 6 o'clock A. M. It was voted to close the polls at four o'clock and fifteen minutes P. M. Ballots were taken out of the box at various times during the day and counted, no objection being made.

The polls were duly declared closed at four o'clock and fifteen minutes P. M.

The ballot box registered that 916 ballots had been cast and the ballot clerks reported that 916 names of voters had been checked.

The following is the result of the vote cast as counted by the tellers: —

For Governor

Eben S. Draper of Hopedale	665
John A. Nichols of Boston	24
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke	3
James H. Vahey of Watertown	204
Daniel A. White of Brockton	8
Blanks	12

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Eugene N. Foss of Boston	230
Louis A. Frothingham of Boston	641
George G. Hall of Boston	4
Ernest R. Knipe of Holyoke	16
Lawrence Yates of New Bedford	4
Blanks	21
Total	916

SECRETARY

David T. Clark of Williamsburg	136
Harriet D'Orsay of Lynn	6
Henry C. Hess of Boston	5
William G. Merrill of Malden	23
William M. Olin of Boston	699
Blanks	47
Total	916

TREASURER

James H. Bryan of Westfield	136
James B. Carr of Chelmsford	8
David Craig of Milford	2
Daniel Parlin of Worcester	20
Elmer A. Stevens of Somerville	695
Blanks	55
Total	916

AUDITOR

Alexis Boyer, Jr., of Southbridge	133
Charles A. Chace of Swansea	17
Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown	9
Jeremiah P. McNally of Salem	2
Henry E. Turner of Malden	695
Blanks	60
Total	916

ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park	32
John A. Frederickson of Quincy	4

Dana Malone of Greenfield	687
Harvey N. Shepard of Boston	138
John Weaver Sherman of Boston	9
Blanks	46
Total	916

COUNCILLOR, SIXTH DISTRICT

Henry G. Burke of Lowell	12
Charles H. Callahan of Lowell	133
Herbert E. Fletcher of Westford	695
Blanks	76
Total	916

SENATOR, SEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

Frank P. Bennett of Saugus	688
James Kingsley of Acton	154
William S. Trefrey of Billerica	12
Blanks	62
Total	916

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT, TWENTIETH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

George F. Bean of Woburn	659
Walter S. Campbell of North Reading	150
Joseph D. Gowing of North Reading	640
Michael J. Meagher of Woburn	111
Blanks	272
Total	1832

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, MIDDLESEX

Patrick Conlin of Lowell	130
Robert J. Kelley of Lowell	9
Samuel O. Upham of Waltham	701
Blanks	76
Total	916

COUNTY TREASURER, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Joseph O. Hayden of Somerville	699
Anson B. Hobbs of Cambridge	12
Dexter C. Whittemore of Carlisle	130
Blanks	75
Total	916

The vote was counted and the result declared in open Town Meeting and were signed, sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk.

Voted to adjourn "sine die."

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

VOTE FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO LEGISLATURE TWENTIETH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

CITY OF WOBURN

[SEAL]

In accordance with the provisions of Section 290, Chapter 560, Acts of 1907, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerks of Burlington, Reading, North Reading and Wilmington, being the City and Town Clerks of every city and town in the Representative District number twenty within said County, met at the City Hall, Woburn, at noon on Friday, November 12, A. D. 1909, being the tenth day succeeding the day of election held on Tuesday, November 2, A. D. 1909, and then and there opened, examined and compared the copies of the records of votes cast at said election for the office of Representative, and determined therefrom that George F. Bean of Woburn and Joseph D. Gowing of North Reading were elected to the office of Representative.

The following is the schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes for Representative were given in said district and the number of votes given for each person, viz.: —

George F. Bean of Woburn	1815
Walter S. Campbell of North Reading	1162
Joseph D. Gowing of North Reading	1737
Michael J. Meagher of Woburn	1321
Defective	6
Blanks	1177
Total	7218

In witness whereof, we, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerks of Wilmington, Burlington, Reading and North Reading, hereunto set our hands this twelfth day of November, A. D. 1909.

JOHN H. FINN, City Clerk of Woburn.
HARRY H. NICHOLS, Town Clerk, Burlington.
MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk, Reading.
ARTHUR F. UPTON, Town Clerk, North Reading.
JAMES E. KELLEY, Town Clerk, Wilmington.

Town Clerk's Office, Reading, Mass. Received and recorded, November 13, 1909.

Attest:

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting

Reading, November 30, 1909.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereof, a Town Meeting was held at the place and time therein specified, and said meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles.

The warrant was partially read when, upon motion of Willie E. Twombly, it was voted to dispense with further reading except the Constable's return thereon, which was read. Article 1 was taken

up to elect a Moderator. George L. Pratt was appointed to check the names of those voting. The ballot was duly opened and closed with the following result: George L. Flint received six votes, all that were cast, and was duly declared elected.

Article 2. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars, received from the insurance company on the Lowell street school house burned in March, 1909, and authorize the School Committee to expend same either in connection with the construction of a new school house, or in the purchase of additional land to enlarge the present school house lot, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 2. Moved and seconded that one thousand dollars be appropriated from amount received for insurance on the Lowell street school house burned in March, 1909, to be expended by the School Committee, either in purchase of land or in construction of a new school house on Lowell street.

Voted not to appropriate by a vote of thirty-one yes and thirty-seven no.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 539, of the Acts of 1909, entitled "An Act to establish a low water mark in Lake Quannapowitt in the Town of Wakefield, and to provide for the drainage of the adjacent meadows."

Art. 3. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 539, of the Acts of 1909, entitled "An Act to establish a low-water mark in Lake Quannapowitt, in the Town of Wakefield, and to provide for the drainage of the adjacent meadows.

By a vote of seventy-seven in favor and three opposed.

Art. 3, continued: —

Report of Committee on Cost of Fixing Water Level in Lake Quannapowitt

Your Committee have examined conditions and investigated the cost of fixing a low-water mark in Lake Quannapowitt, in the Town of Wakefield, and provide for the drainage of the adjacent

meadows, as provided in Chapter 539, Acts of 1909, as well as they can without employing an engineer.

We find that the mill property which the Act contemplates taking is assessed for $1,000, and the owner's asking price is $5,000; the $4,000 limit of cost provided in the Act was made up as follows: —

Water rights on Vernon street	$2,000 00
Culvert on Lowell street	1,000 00
Weir at outlet of the lake	1,000 00

We are satisfied that the culvert and the weir can be constructed less than the price named, but the amount that will have to be paid the owner of the flowage right is problematical. The Harbor and Land Commission will undoubtedly take this property by right of eminent domain and award the amount of damage they think reasonable.

After this the owner may have the damage assessed by a jury of the Superior Court if suit is brought within two years of the record of taking.

This Act does not provide for the opening of the brook between the culvert at Lowell street and near the outlet of the lake and the dam at Vernon street, or through the meadows at the north of the lake.

We think that some provision should be made for the opening of the brook between the culvert at Lowell street and the dam at Vernon street, also for the opening of the ditches in the meadows northwest of the lake. This, we think, would not cost over $1,000, and that Wakefield can be made to pay a part of it.

We are of the opinion that the owner of the flowage right is the only person or corporation that will be in any way damaged by fixing this water level.

LEWIS M. BANCROTT,
SAMUEL BROWN,
JOHN CONNELLY,
ROBERT T. EDES,
ADELBERT E. BATCHELDER,
Committee.

A communication was received from a committee of fifteen, Charles A. Dean, chairman, and Harris M. Dolbeare, secretary, representing the Town of Wakefield, asking for a like committee to be appointed in regard to the drainage of Lake Quannapowitt.

Voted to receive said communication and that it be placed on file.

Voted that a committee of fifteen be named to confer as asked for in said communication.

The following were named as a committee: James W. Killam, Millard F. Charles, Oliver L. Akerley, John H. Adden, George L. Pratt, Merrick A. Stone, Henry R. Johnson, Ward C. Mansfield, Edgar N. Hunt, James M. Maxwell, Jr., Calvert H. Playdon, William C. Buck, Fred D. Merrill, Walter S. Parker, George L. Flint.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to refund to Willard J. Brooks, of Bethel, Vermont, the amount paid by him from 1895 to 1908, both years inclusive, for taxes illegally assessed to him on the land on the northeast corner of Summer avenue and Woodbine street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 4. Voted to refer to Board of Assessors to investigate and report on at the next Town Meeting.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will repay to Edmund Buxton the amounts erroneously assessed and paid as taxes upon his home in the years 1906, 1907 and 1908, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 5. Voted to repay to Edmund Buxton the amount of the tax upon $1,000 as assessed in each of the years 1906, 1907, 1908, and that the sum of sixty dollars be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to lay an eight-inch water main in Gould avenue, between High and Lowell streets, to furnish fire protection to the McTernen Rubber Co., and determine how much money

they will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide for the cost of laying said pipe, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 6. Voted to refer to the Water Commissioners.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, the sum of eighteen hundred dollars ($1,800), for the purpose of extending the power lines from the Electric Light and Power Plant to the Pumping Station, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7. Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of eighteen hundred dollars, giving the note or notes of the Town therefor, payable three years from the date thereof, the same to be used by the Municipal Light Board for the extension of the power lines to the pumping station.

Voted to adjourn "sine die."

A true copy of record. Attest:

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

DOGS LICENSED DURING YEAR 1909

Whole number licenses issued 351		
40 female licenses issued at $5.00	$200 00	
311 male licenses issued at $2.00	622 00	
Error in 1908 account	3 00	
Total received	$825 00	
Less fees for 351 licenses at 20c.	70 20	
Total due County Treasurer		$754 80
June 1, 1909, paid County Treasurer	$433 80	
Dec. 1, 1909, paid County Treasurer	321 00	
		$754 80

Statute Laws for the Licensing of Dogs

Sec. 128. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall annually on or before the 30th day of April cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of May following in the office of the Clerk of the city or town in which said dog is kept. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its owner's name and its registered number.

Sec. 129. The owner or keeper of a dog may at any time have it licensed until the first day of May following; and a person who becomes the owner or keeper of a dog after the first day of May which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog not duly licensed which becomes three months old after the 30th day of April in any year, shall when it is three months old cause it to be

registered, numbered, described, licensed and collared as provided in the preceding section.

Sec. 130. The fee for every license shall be two dollars for a male dog and five dollars for a female dog, unless a certificate of a competent person who performed the operation has been filed with the City or Town Clerk that said female dog has been spayed and has thereby been deprived of the power of propagation, in which case the fee shall be two dollars.

Sec. 136. A license duly recorded shall be valid throughout the Commonwealth and may be transferred with the dog licensed thereunder, but it shall in each case of transfer be again recorded by the Clerk of the city or town in which said dog is kept. No license shall be required to be recorded anew unless the dog shall have been kept in such city or town at least thirty days.

Sec. 137. Whoever keeps a dog contrary to the provisions of this Chapter shall, except as provided in Section 139, forfeit not more than fifteen dollars, which shall be paid to the Treasurer of the county in which the dog is kept.

Sec. 138. No person shall keep or have in his care or possession any bloodhound, or any dog classed by dog fanciers or breeders as Cuban Bloodhound, Siberian Bloodhound, German Mastiff or Great Dane, Boarhound or Ulmer dog, whether said dog is in whole or in part of said species, unless such dog is kept solely for exhibition. In such case he shall at all times be kept securely enclosed or chained, and shall not be allowed at large, even though in charge of a keeper, unless properly and securely muzzled.

Sec. 139. Whoever keeps a dog described in the preceding section in violation of the provisions thereof shall be fined fifty dollars, ten dollars of which shall be paid to the complainant and forty dollars to the Treasurer of the county in which said dog is kept.

HUNTERS' LICENSES ISSUED 1909

Whole number issued, 82 at $1.00 . .		$82 00
Paid Treasurer of the Commonwealth :		
February 6, 1909	$19 00	

March 10, 1909	$ 1 00	
April 6, 1909	6 00	
July 21, 1909	2 00	
September 14, 1909	8 00	
October 25, 1909	35 00	
December 2, 1909	10 00	
January 18, 1910	1 00	
		$82 00

Condensed Game Laws of Commonwealth of Massachusetts

FISH

	Penalties
Black Bass not to be taken under 8 inches	$10 00
Pickerel not to be taken under 10 inches	$1 00
Trout, Lake Trout and Salmon may be taken between April 15 and the following July 31, inclusive	$25 00
Trout not to be taken less than six inches in length	$25 00
Wild Trout not to be bought, sold or offered for sale	$25 00
Smelt may be taken from June 1 to the following March 14, inclusive, but only with hook and hand-line	$1 00
Lobsters, alive, not to be less than 9 inches; boiled, not to be less than $8\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length	$5 00
Lobsters not to be mutilated	$5 00
Lobsters bearing eggs not to be taken at any season	$10—$100
Fish in Fresh Water may be taken only by artificially or naturally baited hook, and 10 hooks may be set or used, provided the hooks are not arranged as a trawl; but ponds stocked and closed under Section 19, Chapter 91, Revised Laws, are open to fishing with one hook and line only, from May 30 to the following Oct. 31, Sundays excepted	
Explosives and Poisons may not be used in fishing waters	$10 00

GAME

	PENALTIES
Resident hunters must register with Clerk of their city or town (fee $1.00). Non-residents of State must secure from Commissioners on Fisheries and Game a license for hunting (fee $10). Unnaturalized foreign-born citizens must secure from town or city Clerk a license for hunting (fee $15)	$50 00
Partridge, Woodcock and Quail may be taken only on week days from Oct. 15 to following Nov. 14, inclusive	$20 00
Loons not to be hunted or killed on fresh water	$20 00
Ducks, Geese and Brant may be taken and sold only between Sept. 15 and following Dec. 31, inclusive	$20 00
Plover, Snipe, Rail and Marsh or Beach Birds may be taken and sold only between Aug. 1 and following Dec. 31, inclusive	$20 00
Hares and Rabbits may be taken between Oct. 15 and following Feb. 28, inclusive	$10 00
Gray Squirrels not to be killed at any time unless doing damage to buildings	$10 00
Deer not to be killed at any time, or chased by dogs	$100 00
Insectivorous and song birds not to be killed, captured or held in possession at any time, or used for millinery purposes	$10 00
Ferreting, Trapping or Snaring of Birds and Animals, and Setting Snares prohibited, except that owner on his own land may use traps, other than snares, for hares and rabbits between Oct. 15 and Dec. 1,	$20–50 00
Pheasants not to be hunted or killed except by special permit when artificially propagated	$50 00
Wood Duck, Swans, Wild Pigeons, Upland Plover, Piping and Kildeer Plover, Herons, Bittern, Eagles, Fish Hawks, Marsh Hawks, Small Owls, Gulls and Terns not to be killed at any time, or feathers used	

for millinery purposes	$10–50 00
Eggs and nests of birds protected by law are not to be taken or disturbed	$10 00
Sending or Carrying Game out of the State . . .	$10–20 00
Hunting on the Lord's Day prohibited . . .	$10–20 00
Pinnated Grouse (Heath Hen) not to be hunted or killed	$100 00
Sale of Partridge, Prairie Chickens and Woodcock prohibited at all times	$20 00
Sale of Quail killed in this State prohibited.	

SUPPLIMENTARY LIST OF BIRTHS

DATE	SEX	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
Mar. 12	F	Lillian Florabel Little	Frank P. and Lillian A. (Page) Little
May 11	M	Stephen Franklin Wadsworth, Jr.	Stephen F. and Clara J. (Lavery) Wadsworth
May 14	M	Clarence George Gay	Louis F. and Catherine E. (Nelson) Gay
June 7	M	William Richard Clarke	William R. and Victoria M. (Slack) Clarke
June 19	F	Dorothy Grace Lind	Frank E. and Alice M. (Burnside) Lind
June 30	F	Frances Porch	Harry G. and Kittie D. (Dees) Porch
Aug. 2	M	Lawrence Gardner Carlson	Oscar and Ellen S. Carlson
Oct. 11	M	Duncan Henry Stanley	Duncan A. and Mary E. (Wilson) Stanley
Oct. 19	F	Hazel Margarette Cloudman	Everett C. and Carrie E. (Wells) Cloudman
Nov. 16	M	Roy Dexter Ward	Harry S. and Lillian (Dickey) Ward
Dec. 13	M	Justin Greenleaf Nason	Amasa R. and Viola M. (Greenleaf) Nason
Dec. 14	F	—— Dimock	Ernest and Elizabeth A. (Burke) Dimock

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1909

Board of Selectmen

JAMES W. KILLAM, *Chairman*
OLIVER L. AKERLEY, *Secretary*
GEORGE L. PRATT

(OFFICERS REPORTING DIRECTLY TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

Superintendent of Streets
LEMUEL W. ALLEN

Local Superintendent Moth Work
GUY A. HUBBARD

Chief of Police
WILLIAM T. LEGGETT

Engineers of Fire Department
FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief*
ORVILLE O. ORDWAY
ALBION G. NICHOLS, *Clerk*

Sealer of Weights and Measures
FRANK W. PARKER

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors
EPHRAIM WIGHT

Inspector of Animals and Provisions
CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Reading: —

We respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1909: —

The management of the several departments reporting directly to this Board has not changed materially during the past year and the same assistants have continued in direct charge of the work.

Street Department

A considerable number of streets were reshaped with the road machine and road roller during the early part of the season. A large amount of work has been done on the sidewalks, resurfacing and building new, and several streets have been newly graded.

Salem street has been macadamized from the Wakefield line toward Reading Square for a distance of 850 feet. The road bed is fifteen feet wide and the macadam is six inches thick in the centre and four inches thick on the sides of the roadway. This was done under the general supervision of the Highway Commission, and the Town received $1,000 from the State under the Small Town Act to half pay for the construction of this piece of roadway. We hope to receive another allotment next year, and shall recommend an appropriation sufficiently large to cover the same.

The question of keeping the dust laid in the hot, dry weather is a serious problem, especially when allowed only one cart, as is the case here.

During the last year we tried emulsifying oil on the following streets: Salem, Woburn from the railroad crossing to Summer avenue, and Middlesex avenue from Lowell street to Deering street. It proved to be very satisfactory.

The roadway is sprinkled in the usual manner, but instead of water alone an emulsion of water and crude oil is used in the proportion of about five or six parts of water to one of oil.

The streets mentioned above were treated three times, the second treatment five days after the first, and the third treatment two weeks after the second. We hope to do more of this oil sprinkling during the coming season.

Moth Department

The work of this Department has been carried on in the usual manner. The nests are treated during the winter; trees were sprayed during the spring, and later the trees were burlapped and these examined frequently and the caterpillars killed. Our street trees are in fine condition, but our wooded areas are becoming infested to a considerable degree. The appropriation of the Town is about sufficient to care for the street trees and the balance for forest work must necessarily come from the State.

The bushes are cleared away from the roadsides and the oil burning is used to quite an extent and is very effective.

The one hundred foot strips on either side of some of our principal thoroughfares, which were trimmed out and cleaned last year by the National Government, have been cared for by them this year.

Clerk of Board

For several years we have recommended that the Board be allowed a clerk in order to keep the routine of this office in better shape than is now possible, and in order that the Board may have more time to receive and listen to suggestions from our citizens. We respectfully renew the recommendation.

The amounts expended in connection with various departments can be found on the following pages.

JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
GEORGE L. PRATT,
Selectmen of Reading.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		$3,500 00
EXPENDED		
James W. Killam, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for year 1909 .	$291 67	
Oliver L. Akerley, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for year 1909 .	258 33	
George L. Pratt, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for year 1909 . .	250 00	
Ward C. Mansfield, Treasurer for 1909 .	333 33	
John H. Adden, Assessor for 1909 . .	250 00	
M. F. Charles, Assessor for 1909 . .	250 00	
M. F. Charles, Town Clerk for 1909 . .	150 00	
M. F. Charles, Clerk Board of Registrars for 1909	40 00	
M. A. Stone, Assessor for 1909 . .	250 00	
M. A. Stone, Collector for 1908 . .	199 11	
H. M. Viall, Collector for 1907 . . .	72 94	
H. M. Viall, Collector for 1909 . . .	414 55	
E. F. Parker, Jr., Auditor, year ending Feb. 28, 1909	33 33	
Wm. S. Badger, Auditor, year ending Feb. 28, 1909	33 34	
C. M. Spencer, Auditor, year ending Feb. 28, 1909	33 33	
W. S. Prentiss, Registrar, year ending March 31, 1909	30 00	

George H. Clough, Registrar, year ending March 31, 1909	$30 00	
Owen McKenney, Registrar, year ending March 31, 1909	30 00	
George L. Flint, Electric Light Commissioner, 1909	75 00	
J. M. Maxwell, Jr., Electric Light Commissioner, 1909	75 00	
W. C. Buck, Electric Light Commissioner, 1909	75 00	
H. R. Johnson, Water Commissioner, 1909	75 00	
George A. Shackford, Water Commissioner, to April 30, 1909	25 00	
E. H. Gowing Estate, Water Commissioner, to Nov. 30, 1909	68 75	
George L. Flint, Board of Health, 1909	25 00	
F. D. Merrill, Sec'y Board of Health, 1909	50 00	
Unexpended	81 32	
	$3,500 00	$3,500 00

TOWN BUILDING AND OFFICE

Appropriation	$500 00
Amount received from postage returned	9 76

EXPENDED

C. W. Abbott, Postmaster, postage	$58 24
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel	114 00
M. F. Charles, supplies	16 75
Hobbs & Warren Co., supplies	11 05
W. S. Greenough & Co., ledger	7 75
Thomas Groom & Co., Tax Collector's book and supplies	18 80
F. H. Parker & Sons, expressing	3 65
American Express Co., expressing	20

H. C. Dimond & Co., supplies	$ 95	
C. M. Barrows Co., Selectmen's order book	12 75	
Municipal Light Board, lights and supplies	47 51	
Reading Water Works, water rates	12 19	
A. E. Martell & Co., Treasurer's book	4 24	
T. C. Fife, repairs	12 00	
John Stock, cleaning vault	7 50	
Carl M. Smith, clerical work for Assessors	2 50	
George E. Crosby Co., supplies for Treasurer	4 85	
James S. Bond, labor on awnings	1 00	
James W. Grimes, legal services	49 60	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing and supplies	82 05	
Walter K. Badger, clerical work	35	
Mary E. Vermille, typewriting lists of jurors	1 50	
P. B. Murphy, printing	1 20	
M. S. Quinlan, repairing office chair	75	
C. Bowen, moving Tax Collector's safe	30 00	
Wakefield Daily Item, Assessors' notices and dog blanks	8 50	
Overdrawn		12
	$509 88	$509 88

PRINTING

Appropriation		$700 00

EXPENDED

W. E. & J. F. Twombly, Town Reports 1908	$393 12	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, extra copies Water, Light and School Reports	30 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, miscellaneous printing	313 43	
Overdrawn		36 55
	$736 55	$736 55

ELECTION EXPENSES

Appropriation	$300 00

EXPENDED

Lyceum Hall Association, rent of hall for caucuses, elections and Town meetings, 1908	$23 50
Lyceum Hall Association, rent of hall for caucuses, elections and Town meetings, 1909	85 00
Geo. L. Flint, moderator, March 1, September 29 and November 30, 1909 . . .	15 00
Geo. L. Flint, teller, November, 1909 .	5 00
Elmer E. Knight, moderator, March, 1909 .	5 00
Fred A. Parker, ballot clerk, November, 1908	5 00
Horace E. Eames, ballot clerk, March and November, 1909	10 00
Chester C. Richardson, ballot clerk, March and November, 1909	10 00
Samuel Rounds, ballot clerk, March, 1909 .	5 00
J. D. Canty, teller, March, 1909 . . .	5 00
T. F. Devaney, teller, March, 1909 . .	5 00
C. E. Mellen, teller, March, 1909 . .	5 00
H. M. Donegan, teller, March and November, 1909.	10 00
J. A. Freeman, teller, March, 1909 . .	5 00
H. E. Smith, teller, March, 1909 .	5 00
W. K. Badger, teller, March and November, 1909	10 00
C. H. Stinchfield, teller, March and November, 1909	10 00
J. F. Sawyer, teller, March, 1909 . .	5 00
R. L. Mears, teller, March, 1909 . .	5 00
James A. Waters, teller, March, 1909 .	5 00
F. E. Gray, teller, March and November, 1909	10 00

S. G. Stewart, teller, March and November, 1909	$10 00	
W. H. Baker, teller, November, 1909	5 00	
H. E. Cook, teller, November, 1909	5 00	
James W. Killam, November, 1909	5 00	
O. L. Akerley, November, 1909	5 00	
G. L. Pratt, November, 1909	5 00	
J. Connelly, March and November, 1909	10 00	
C. L. Newell, November, 1909	5 00	
M. F. Charles, services at election	11 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	11 13	
H. G. Stock, services at March election	5 00	
H. G. Stock, posting warrant	1 00	
John Stock, services at election, March, 1909	5 00	
John Stock, posting warrants	2 00	
Overdrawn		28 63
	$328 63	$328 63

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Appropriation	$1,000 00

EXPENDED

Eliza J. Upton, supplies	$72 00
Julia Bancroft, supplies	72 00
Susan M. Penny, supplies	72 00
Harriett V. Hall, supplies	52 00
Kate V. Norris, supplies	153 43
Samuel Rounds, supplies	90 08
Lydia R. Bryden, supplies	7 50
Reuben R. Coates, supplies	84 00
Benjamin F. McAllister, supplies	80 00
Ida F. Flanders, supplies	63 00

Janet C. Varney, supplies	$116 25	
Francis E. Jennings, supplies	59 19	
Caroline McIntire, supplies	4 70	
Unexpended	73 85	
	$1,000 00	$1,000 00

PAID ACCOUNT TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT

Amount due from Town of Marblehead		$48 00
EXPENDED		
Lucy E. Stone, supplies	$48 00	
	$48 00	$48 00

BURIAL AGENT'S ACCOUNT

Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts		$111 00
EXPENDED		
Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses of Earl G. Barton	$35 00	
Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses of Ida F. Flanders	35 00	
Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses of John Damon	35 00	
Ephraim Wight, burial agent's services	6 00	
	$111 00	$111 00

DECORATION AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation		$175 00
EXPENDED		
Veteran Post 194, G. A. R.	$175 00	
	$175 00	$175 00

STATE AND MILITARY AID

Appropriation		$2,500 00
	EXPENDED	
William H. Baker	$48 00	
Marietta Baker	48 00	
Julia Bancroft	48 00	
Henry Batchelder	29 00	
Lydia R. Bryden	48 00	
Emmons Buck	72 00	
Julia Buck	48 00	
Edmund Buxton	48 00	
Eliza J. Batchelder	48 00	
Mary F. Bessom	8 00	
Reuben R. Coates	72 00	
George W. Cook	48 00	
Bella Corrie	48 00	
Mary S. Curtis	52 00	
John Damon	40 00	
Henry Damon	48 00	
Maria D. Damon	48 00	
Horace E. Eames	48 00	
Ida F. Flanders	12 00	
Charles C. Frost	48 00	
Jennie H. Gould	24 00	
Mary Gowing	48 00	
Harriett V. Hall	52 00	
Jonathan Heselton	36 00	
Richmond Heselton	72 00	
William A. Hunter	12 00	
Abbie D. Huntley	48 00	
Helen E. Husband	20 00	
Merrill Hutchinson	60 00	
George H. Leavens	32 00	
Cora T. Marshall	48 00	
John K. Meader	70 00	

Lucy D. Meader	$48 00	
Caroline McIntire.	48 00	
Charles W. Milbery	72 00	
Charles Myers	48 00	
Ansel Nickerson	30 00	
Kate V. Norris	24 00	
Abbie E. Oliver	48 00	
Edmund B. Parker	48 00	
Maria M. Platts	48 00	
Susan M. Richardson	48 00	
Alfred B. Roots	48 00	
Sarah A. Roots	48 00	
George A. Sargent	60 00	
Henry F. Scruton	48 00	
Zeba M. Saunders	12 00	
Lucy E. Stone	48 00	
George Thayer	48 00	
Abdilla Tobey	28 00	
Roxanna C. Underwood	32 00	
Eliza J. Upton	48 00	
Janet C. Varney	48 00	
Jane E. Woodward	48 00	
Unexpended	91 00	
	$2,500 00	$2,500 00

ACCOUNT OF CHARLES L. HAAG

Due from Charles L. Haag		$119 38
EXPENDED		
Charles L. Haag, supplies	$119 38	
	$119 38	$119 38

RENT OF PLAYGROUND

Appropriation		$342 00
EXPENDED		
Kirk Sweetser, rent, January 1, 1909, to December 31, 1909	$342 00	
	$342 00	$342 00

CARE AND IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON AND PARKS

Appropriation		$125 00
EXPENDED		
Reading Water Works, water rates . .	$12 00	
Orne Green, labor	49 40	
Highway Department, labor . . .	7 50	
John F. Ames, labor	2 50	
Stewart & Robertson, repairing band stand	3 37	
E. C. Metcalf, lawn mower	5 75	
Francis Brothers, supplies	54	
Unexpended	43 94	
	$125 00	$125 00

READING WATER WORKS

Appropriation (regular) . . .		$5,840 00
Appropriation (special) . . .		860 00
Amount raised by taxation . . .		6,000 00
Amount received from Water Department		1,000 00
EXPENDED		
Reading Water Works, hydrant rentals .	$5,040 00	
Reading Water Works, street sprinkling .	500 00	

Reading Water Works, drinking fountains	$300 00	
Ward C. Mansfield, Treasurer, reduction of water loan, water bonds 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 173, 174	7,000 00	
Reading Water Works, laying pipe, Haven street	860 00	
	$13,700 00	$13,700 00

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

Appropriation		$10,500 00
EXPENDED		
Paid Municipal Light Board	$10,500 00	
	$10,500 00	$10,500 00

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

(Special Committee)

Unexpended balance, 1908		$6 59
Amount received from material sold		265 42
Amount received from Municipal Light Board		50 92
EXPENDED		
Richard D. Kimball Co., consulting engineers	$16 63	
Ridgway Dynamo & Engine Co., engine	300 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., cement	1 30	
Wetmore, Savage Co., electrical supplies	3 00	
Unexpended	2 00	
	$322 93	$322 93

INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS AND NOTES

Appropriation		$3,835 00
EXPENDED		
Ward C. Mansfield, Treasurer, interest paid by him	$3,895 00	
Overdrawn		60 00
	$3,895 00	$3,895 00

SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS

Appropriation		$3,000 00
EXPENDED		
Ward C. Mansfield, Treas., bonds 20, 21, 22	$3,000 00	
	$3,000 00	$3,000 00

SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES

Appropriation		$9,000 00
EXPENDED		
Ward C. Mansfield, Treas., notes paid by him	$9,000 00	
	$9,000 00	$9,000 00

LOWELL STREET SCHOOL HOUSE LOT

Appropriation		$500 00
EXPENDED		
Martin D. Hartshorn	$500 00	
	$500 00	$500 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Appropriation	$1,000 00
Received from licenses	36 00
Received from fees, sealing weights, measures, etc.	46 69
Received from tax certificates	5 00

EXPENDED

M. F. Charles, recording births, marriages and deaths	$92 80	
M. F. Charles, administering oaths to town officers	16 25	
M. F. Charles, extra duty as Assessor	60 00	
M. F. Charles, Sec'y of Finance Committee	25 00	
John H. Adden, investigating records	35 00	
John H. Adden, copying valuation lists	50 00	
Prentiss & Viall, insurance	156 99	
E. L. Lovejoy, insurance	12 48	
Frank W. Parker, balance of salary as Sealer of Weights and Measures, 1908	53 00	
Frank W. Parker, salary Sealer of Weights and Measures	100 00	
Frank W. Parker, expenses and supplies	17 00	
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies for Sealer	49 20	
Julia P. Ide, typewriting Town Warrant	4 00	
Guy A. Hubbard, salary during vacation	36 00	
H. M. Meek Publishing Co., directory	3 00	
George B. Griffiths, carriage for Assessors	3 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	7 88	
C. H. Playdon, salary Inspector of Animals	125 00	
Veteran Post 194, G. A. R., electric lights G. A. R. Hall	50 00	
Middlesex County Training School, board for Roger A. Harris for 1909	52 00	
George E. Ramsdell, distributing Town Reports	3 00	

Town Home, distributing Town Reports	$10 00	
Boston Nickel Plating Co., supplies for Sealer	7 35	
Merrick A. Stone, extra duty as Assessor	6 00	
Old South M. E. Church, care of clock	50 00	
George E. Pierce, reporting deaths	6 50	
E. D. Richmond, M. D., reporting births	5 75	
Charles R. Henderson, M. D., reporting births	2 00	
S. H. Parks, M. D., reporting births	3 00	
F. L. Smalley, M. D., reporting births	3 75	
W. J. Brown, M. D., reporting births	1 00	
E. M. Halligan, M. D., reporting births	1 75	
J. A. O'Leary, M. D., reporting births	25	
William H. Kelcher, M. D., reporting births	25	
F. T. Woodbury, M. D., reporting births	25	
G. E. Whitchill, M. D., reporting births	25	
J. W. Heath, M. D., reporting births	3 75	
Mrs. S. Porter, reporting births	1 50	
Richard D. Kimball Co., services	58 66	
Labor on dumps	6 00	
Overdrawn		31 92
	$1,119 61	$1,119 61

INTEREST

Appropriation	$1,000 00
Amount received from First National Bank, Reading	119 11
Amount received from First National Bank, Boston	123 23
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Collector, 1907	759 34
Amount received from M. A. Stone, Collector, 1908	822 37

Amount received from H. M. Viall, Collector, 1909		$107 71

EXPENDED

Interest on temporary loans . . .	$3,319 73	
A. W. Danforth, Sec'y, interest on Cemetery bequest funds	546 00	
Overdrawn		933 97
	$3,865 73	$3,865 73

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Appropriation		$800 00

EXPENDED

H. M. Viall, Collector, 1907 . . .	$320 00	
M. A. Stone, Collector, 1908 . . .	469 45	
Brown, Totten & Danforth, abatement .	10 50	
Unexpended	05	
	$800 00	$800 00

TAXES ON PROPERTY TAKEN BY THE TOWN

(No appropriation)

EXPENDED

H. M. Viall, Collector	$249 51	
Overdrawn		249 51
	$249 51	$249 51

STREET DEPARTMENT

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND REPAIRS ON SIDEWALKS

Appropriation	$3,000 00
Amount received from Commonwealth	142 11
Amount due from Angelina Buxton estate, for edgestones	26 25
Amount due from George H. Prescott, for edgestones	27 73
Amount due from Samuel C. Young, for edgestones	20 23
Amount due from Merrick A. Stone, for edgestones	15 75
Amount due from C. E. Judkins, for edgestones	16 04
Amount due from O. L. Akerley, for edgestones	16 72
Amount due from O. L. Akerley, for concrete	20 19
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax	4,686 92

EXPENDED

Labor and teams	$2,023 02
Labor	2,607 93
L. W. Allen, salary Supt. of Streets, 1909	925 00
L. W. Allen, Supt. of Streets, expenses	3 90
Salary engineer steam roller	81 25
Road Roller Note	450 00
Buffalo Steam Roller Co.	13 50
Good Roads Machinery Co.	8 60

Crosby Steam Gauge & Valve Co.	$ 1 00
Killorin Contracting Co.	12 23
Bennett Perry & Sons	10 00
Quick Unloading Car Chute Co.	120 00
Reade Manufacturing Co.	10 00
Harry S. Hanson	6 00
Standard Oil Co.	144 00
Barrett Manufacturing Co.	4 25
T. A. Mulroney	393 42
Waltham Forge Co.	22 40
Harry E. Morton	5 00
C. F. Dudley	11 55
L. W. Dickenson	17 75
Jenkin Brothers	1 98
Smith, Whitcomb & Cook Co.	65
A. D. Gordon	11 50
Francis Brothers	57 71
F. H. Parker & Sons	1 10
American Express	75
Boston & Maine R. R.	7 69
Reading Water Works	1 90
James A. Bancroft	23 25
C. L. Martin Co.	1 00
Frederick Wallace	2 40
H. R. Johnson	92 77
J. J. Cameron	45
John A. Blunt	17 43
Charles J. Haag	3 70
Dominique Doucette	120 15
A. L. Kallenburg	246 50
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	73 09
Municipal Light Board	29 02
T. C. Fife	7 24
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	24 04
E. J. Roundy	48 60
M. J. Connelly	3 90

W. F. Cook	$8 90	
A. Michelini	3 50	
O. O. Ordway	39 45	
H. W. Batchelder	1 10	
Gravel	270 77	
E. B. Richardson	60	
	$7,971 94	$7,971 94

STREET SPRINKLING

Appropriation		$450 00
EXPENDED		
H. G. Stock, labor and use of horses	$456 73	
Overdrawn		6 73
	$456 73	$456 73

SALEM STREET

Appropriation		$1,000 00
Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts		1,000 00
A portion of amount received from Street Railway franchise and excise tax		334 21
EXPENDED		
Labor	$730 45	
Labor and teams	614 32	
Salary of engineer of road roller	135 30	
L. W. Allen, Supt., expenses	8 23	
Boston & Maine R. R.	265 03	
H. R. Johnson	15 65	
Municipal Light Board	26 52	
Fred E. Ellis	196 83	

Winchester Stone Co.	$231 94	
J. S. Temple	37 35	
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	61 58	
F. Wallace	5 11	
O. O. Ordway	5 90	
	$2,334 21	$2,334 21

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE

A portion of amount received from Street Railway franchise and excise tax		$1,040 81

EXPENDED

Labor	$500 69	
Labor and teams	532 72	
O. O. Ordway	6 75	
L. W. Allen, Supt., expenses	65	
	$1,040 81	$1,040 81

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF STREET RAILWAY TAX

Unexpended balance, 1908		$966 22
Amount received from excise tax, 1909		2,442 75
Amount received from franchise tax, 1909		2,952 78

EXPENDED

Account of Highways	$4,686 92	
Account of Snow and Ice	1,040 81	
Account of Salem St.	334 21	
Unexpended	299 81	
	$6,361 75	$6,361 75

MOTH ACCOUNT

Appropriation	$2,096 00
Amount received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	4,454 64
Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	684 62
Amount charged to property owners	1,711 78

EXPENDED

Guy A. Hubbard, Local Supt.	$900 00
Guy A. Hubbard, rent of bicycle and miscellaneous expenses	58 05
Labor	4,704 18
Frost Insecticide Co.	1,831 19
E. C. Hanscom	268 61
D. F. Monroe & Co.	119 93
O. & W. Thum Co.	168 75
W. M. Farwell	482 26
The Olds Gas Power Co.	178 90
F. H. Parker & Sons	22 47
C. W. Abbott, Postmaster	43 92
A. W. Chesterton Co.	18 00
Francis Bros.	12 94
Barrett Mfg. Co.	16 40
George H. Atkinson Co.	14 50
C. H. Batchelder & Co.	10 65
Wright & Potter Printing Co.	11 10
O. O. Ordway	10 70
Jenney Mfg. Co.	30 94
H. G. Stock	3 50
George B. Griffiths	3 00
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	5 25
M. F. Charles	3 00
Southborough Print Shop	2 60
R. D. Clapp	3 15

Wadsworth, Howland & Co. . . .	$ 3 78	
A. J. Wilkinson & Co.	1 45	
Smith & Jewett	4 00	
Joseph Breck & Sons' Corporation . .	8 80	
Boston & Maine R. R.	70	
E. L. Lovejoy Estate	52	
Walworth Mfg. Co.	1 80	
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co. . .	2 00	
	$8,947 04	$8,947 04

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit for your consideration the annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1909.

ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1909

Total number of arrests	91
Males	86
Females	5
Residents	53
Non-residents	38
American born	31
Foreign born	60
Adults	87
Minors	4

CAUSES OF ARREST

Assault and battery	9
Capias	1
Drunkenness	48
Disturbing the peace	1
Insane	8
Idle and disorderly	1
Larceny	5
Liquor nuisance	5
Illegal sale of renovated butter	1
Setting fires	2
Stealing ride	1
Non-support	5

Sending obscene photographs in mail	1
Growing up without statutory control	1
Vagrancy	2
Total arrests	91

DISPOSITION OF CASES IN COURT

Number that paid fines	29
Number committed for non-payment	1
Sentenced to House of Correction	15
Sentenced to State Farm	1
Committed to State Hospital	8
Placed on file	20
Discharged	1
Continued	5
Released	2
Dismissed	1
Still pending	2
Appealed	3
Defaulted	3
Total	91

Amount of fines imposed	$431 00
Amount of fines paid	351 00

MISCELLANEOUS

Buildings found open and secured	17
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	5
Residences temporarily vacated and special police protection requested	57
Dogs killed	21
Amount of property reported as stolen	$240 00
Amount of stolen property recovered	161 50

ROSTER

CHIEF

William T. Leggett

PATROLMEN

Wm. H. Manning	John M. Cullinane	Robert Powers

SPECIAL OFFICERS

William J. Allen	Walter P. Gleason	Lemuel W. Allen
Jeremiah J. Cullinane	Alden W. Sennett	Oscar H. Lowe
Asa Parker	William Kidder	J. Mande Doucette
Willard A. Bancroft	David J. Whelton	Clement Gleason
Arthur E. Davis	Herbert G. Stock	Jason Zwicker
William H. Killam	Samuel Brown	William C. Smith
William F. Welch	Wm. C. McKinley	Joseph C. Shaw

LIST OF PROPERTY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT BELONGING TO THE TOWN

One roll top desk	$12 00
One table	5 00
Four chairs	5 00
Twelve helmets	24 00
Eighteen special police badges	9 00
Ten regular police badges	10 00
Eight belts	9 00
Six pairs hand-cuffs	22 50
Three twisters	3 00
Eighteen billies	13 50
One dark lantern	1 50
Two stop watches	14 00
One watchman's clock	5 00
Six lockers	30 00
One shot gun	10 00
Four revolvers	20 00

Four Colt's automatic pistols	$52 00
Four holsters	6 00
One pick	1 50
One shovel	1 00
One iron rake	75
Two auto registers	2 00
Auto trap wire and signal bells	14 00
Police telephone box	12 00
Bulletin board	6 00
	$288 75

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. LEGGETT,
Chief of Police.

READING, JAN. 1, 1910.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation		$3,800 00
Amount received from Fourth District Court, fines		351 00

EXPENDED

William T. Leggett, Chief, salary, 1909	$850 00
William T. Leggett, transportation of prisoners and miscellaneous expenses	47 47
William H. Manning, salary, 1909	825 00
William H. Manning, extra duty	1 00
Robert Powers, salary, 1909	825 00
J. M. Cullinane, salary, 1909	825 00
O. H. Lowe	87 40
Samuel Brown	112 40
H. G. Stock	3 85
Asa Parker	5 25
W. Bancroft & Co.	109 80

New England Tel. & Tel. Co. . . .	$72 97	
James W. Grimes	75 00	
John G. Maguire	15 00	
R. D. Clapp	2 70	
Stewart & Robertson	22 62	
Special police, July 4th and 5th . .	78 00	
C. L. Jeans	10 90	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	11 50	
Francis Bros.	4 30	
Raphael Masstrangialo	2 90	
O. O. Ordway	2 00	
T. C. Fife	3 50	
G. F. MacDonald	2 00	
Jason Zwicker	1 00	
L. W. Allen	75	
J. J. Cameron	35	
Unexpended	153 34	
	$4,151 00	$4,151 00

REPORT OF LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

Appropriation		$1,100 00
Interest on Cemetery bequests, 1909		546 00
Received from material sold		50 00
Received from rental of tomb		5 00
EXPENDED		
A. W. Danforth, Superintendent	$75 00	
Labor	983 15	
Teams	118 25	
Francis Brothers	1 70	
M. D. Jones Co.	9 25	
Franklin Rubber Co.	24 00	
J. Woodward Manning	90 00	
E. C. Metcalf	10 75	
Weston & Emery	171 40	
F. Wallace	5 90	
C. F. Dudley & Co.	146 65	
James A. Bancroft	25 75	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	6 00	
O. O. Ordway	1 05	
American Agricultural Chemical Co.	31 40	
Unexpended	75	
	$1,701 00	1,701 00

LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

(Special appropriation)

Appropriation		$1,200 00
EXPENDED		
C. F. Dudley Co.	$1,200 00	
	$1,200 00	$1,200 00

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN: — The Board of Fire Engineers herewith submit their annual report for the year nineteen hundred and nine.

During the year the Department has responded to 33 alarms.

The Department consists of:

One Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers.

Steamer No. 1, two engine men, Central Fire Station.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, twelve men, Central Fire Station.

Hose No. 1, thirteen men, Central Fire Station.

Hose No. 2, twelve men, Woburn street.

Hose No. 3, seven men, North Main street.

Hose No. 4, seven men, Hopkins street.

Hose No. 5, Volunteer Co., Forest street, at G. E. Blanchard's.

Mr. Leonard T. Eames was re-appointed Superintendent of the Fire Alarm, and the system is in good condition.

The apparatus is in good condition, except the wagon of Hose 1 and 4, which ought to be painted this year.

The houses of Hose 3 and 4 ought to be painted on the outside this year; also the house of Hose 2 on the inside.

We would recommend a pung for Hose No. 4.

The battery to the fire alarm system will have to be renewed this year.

We would recommend a fire alarm box at the corner of Temple street and Summer avenue, which would cover a large amount of property which is not covered now.

In conclusion, we would thank the members of the Department and all who have in any way assisted the Department the past year, and especially the Boston & Northern Street Railway Co. for the free use of the current for charging the storage battery.

F. G. NICHOLS, Chief,
O. O. ORDWAY, First Ass't,
A. G. NICHOLS, Sec'y,
Board of Engineers.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FIRES FOR THE YEAR 1909

Date	Box	Time	Owner	Occupant	Loss on Building	Ins. on Building	Ins. Paid	Loss on Cont'ts	Ins. on Cont'ts	Ins. Paid	Cause
Jan. 1	24	5.00 a m	George A. Bacon	Charles J. McIntire	$420 00	$2,000 00	$420 00	$387 00	$1500 00	$387 00	Overheated Stove
Jan. 1	45	10.09 p m		M. C. Morse	None			None			Oil Stove
Jan. 8	Still	4.00 p m	Mrs. Higgins	Martha Pippin	None			$13 89	$500 00	$13 89	Spark from Chimney
Jan. 17	41	6.50 p m	W. F. Goodale	W. F. Goodale	$44 00	$3,000 00	$44 00	$33 00	$1000 00	$33 00	Overheated Chimney
Feb. 14	68	12.40 a m	M. E. Brande	Rosa Cuneo	None			$87 00	$1000 00	$87 00	Lamp Explosion
Mar. 5	63	7.12 p m	Congregational Society	Congregational Society	$19,000 00	$16,000 00	$16,000 00	$3800 00	$4000 00	$35,000	Unknown
Mar. 12	Still		Boston & Maine R. R.		None			None			Overheated Stove
Mar. 15	15	7.45 p m									Grass
Mar. 18	32	8.30 a m	Isaac Wyman	George Gregory	$200 00	None		None	None		Unknown
Mar. 19	64	11.30 a m									Grass
Mar. 19	18	5.45 p m									Grass
Mar. 30	27	12.15 p m									Grass
Mar. 31	33	11.15 p m	Town of Reading	Town of Reading	$1,500 00	$1,000 00	$1,000 00				Unknown
Apr. 1	23	11.35 a m									Grass
Apr. 5	33	3.30 p m									Grass
Apr. 6	38	12.05 p m									Brush
Apr. 6	Still	1.30 p m									Grass
Apr. 7	Still	3.30 p m									Brush
Apr. 7	48	4.40 p m									Brush
Apr. 12	33	1.30 p m									Rail Road
Apr. 12	35	4.30 p m									Brush
May 25	Still	6.45 p m									Rail Road Sleepers
June 17	33	p m									False Alarm
June 26	32	12.03 p m			None			None			Spark from Chimney
June 30	33	12.55 p m									False Alarm
July 5	38	1.00 a m									False Alarm
Aug. 16	61	6.35 p m	Charlotte Nokes		None			None			Chimney
Sept. 13	64	4.48 p m	Grace J. Abbott	Mrs. George Abbott	$225 00	$2,100 00	$225 00	$30 00	$1000 00	$30 00	Overheated Chimney
Nov. 9	33	2.23 a m	Mrs. Harriet Hartshorn		None			None			Chimney
Nov. 20	46	5.45 p m									Grass
Dec. 5	37	6.50 p m	E. H. Eames		None			None			Chimney
Dec. 5	28	8.12 p m									False Alarm
Dec. 31	Still		Frederick Bancroft		None			None			Chimney

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation		$5,500 00
Amount received from bill overpaid . .		93
Amount received from telephone tolls . .		85

EXPENDED

F. G. Nichols, salary, chief engineer, 1909	$99 99
O. O. Ordway, salary, engineer, 1909 . .	75 00
O. O. Ordway, repairs	10 85
A. G. Nichols, salary, engineer, 1909 . .	75 00
A. G. Nichols, salary, clerk, 1909 . .	10 00
L. T. Eames, salary, engineer Steamer No. 1, to October 1, 1909	20 73
L. T. Eames, labor	1 00
M. J. Shannon, salary, assistant engineer, 1909	100 00
E. H. Crowe, Steward and Captain Hook and Ladder No. 1, 1909	120 00
E. H. Crowe, labor	2 25
Charles H. Heselton, steward, Hose No. 2, and extra labor, 1909 . . .	65 50
David Weston, steward, Hose No. 4, 1908 and 1909	60 00
Parker Nichols, steward, Hose No. 3, 1909 .	30 00
Parker Nichols, horse service, 1909 . .	50 00
Geo. A. Shackford, horse service, 1909 .	64 39
H. G. Stock, horse service, 1909 . . .	517 45
John Stock, horse service, 1909 . . .	245 91
Geo. B. Griffiths, horse service, 1909 . .	8 00
E. P. Bancroft, horse service and storage, 1909	89 50
Geo. F. Blanchard, horse service, 1909 .	42 50
Wm. C. McKinley, horse service, 1909 .	47 50
Chas. J. Haag, services as fireman, December 1, 1908, to November 30, 1909 . .	60 25
Chas. J. Haag	27 50
Chas. C. Wright, services as fireman, 1909 .	20 82

A. E. Merrill, services as fireman, 1909	$37 50
J. F. Kenney, services as fireman, 1909	16 66
F. W. Davis, services as fireman	37 50
C. C. Goodwin, services as fireman, 1909	16 66
C. C. Goodwin, labor	3 00
Chas. Storey, services as fireman, 1909	16 66
Geo. Baxter, services as fireman, 1909	20 00
Jos. Logan, services as fireman, 1909	30 00
J. J. O'Brien, services as fireman, 1909	25 00
H. L. Eames, services as fireman, 1909	30 00
H. L. Eames, labor	3 50
Webster Eames, services as fireman, 1909	8 33
A. W. Ells, services as fireman, 1909	41 66
F. B. Hunt, labor	2 00
L. W. Jordan, labor	2 00
International Power Co., labor and supplies for engine	158 00
Municipal Light Board	42 32
C. L. Martin Co.	37 15
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	50 12
W. Bancroft & Co.	58 77
Edwin C. Lewis, Inc.	8 92
A. E. Batchelder	2 50
Francis Bros.	4 61
F. H. Parker & Sons	2 43
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	5 00
W. F. Cook	4 00
J. J. Cameron	2 20
Boston Coupling Co.	4 63
J. J. Hogan	4 30
W. S. Cash & Co.	8 00
H. H. Esterbrook	1 50
T. C. Fife	29 45
H. K. Barnes	1 50
Charles Sullivan	8 00
F. Wallace	7 40

J. W. Austin	$ 9 45	
Mrs. M. E. Brown	1 00	
Reading Water Works	9 00	
Charles H. Stinchfield	2 00	
George H. Atkinson Co.	60	
American Express Co.	50	
Merrimac Chemical Co.	3 00	
William H. Wightman	31 00	
Pay roll	2,384 36	
	$5,016 32	

FIRE ALARM

L. T. Eames, salary, Supt. Fire Alarm, 1909	$74 99	
L. T. Eames, material and labor	59 90	
F. G. Nichols, labor	77 50	
Thomas White, labor	37 50	
O. O. Ordway, horse service and supplies	33 00	
George B. Griffiths, horse service	3 00	
R. E. Morton	5 00	
R. D. Clapp	1 09	
Morrison Merrill	6 25	
A. E. Merrill	5 00	
Gamewell Fire Alarm Tel. Co.	34 48	
Boston Lumber Co.	27 00	
Woburn Machine Co.	10 16	
Francis Bros.	15 36	
W. Bancroft & Co.	6 00	
F. H. Parker & Sons	5 22	
American Express Company	55	
T. C. Fife	35	
E. C. Lewis, Inc.	87 89	
Overdrawn		4 78
	$5,506 56	$5,506 56

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE

Appropriation		$600 00
EXPENDED		
Boston Coupling Co.	$299 75	
The C. C. C. Fire Hose Co. . . .	298 12	
Unexpended	2 13	
	$600 00	$600 00

NEW FLOOR IN HOOK AND LADDER ROOM

Appropriation		$150 00
EXPENDED		
George A. Bowers	$25 55	
H. R. Johnson	117 00	
Unexpended	7 45	
	$150 00	$150 00

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

READING, JAN. 1, 1910.

To the Honorable Board of Fire Engineers of the Reading Fire Department:

I submit the following report: —

About one and one-half miles of old wire has been replaced by new.

About two miles of old wire must be replaced by new this year, and the elements in storage battery replaced by new.

LOCATION OF BOXES

13—Corner of Ash and Avon Sts.

15—Corner of Walnut St. and Summer Ave.

16—Main St., near South.

17—Prescott St., near Arlington.

18—Park Ave., corner of Minot St.

22—No session, High School House.

23—Corner of Woburn and Temple Sts.

24—Mineral St., corner of Hancock.

25—Prospect St., near King.

26—Hose 2 House, Woburn St.

27—Summer Ave., south of Prescott St.

28—West St., near W. A. Bancroft's.

29—Corner of West and King Sts.

32—Franklin St., opp. second house from Grove.

33—Lowell St., Commonwealth Rubber Co. Works.

34—Corner of Grove and Forest Sts.

35—Corner of Main and Locust Sts.
36—Corner of Bancroft Ave. and Locust St.
37—Main St., near Brooks Nichols'.
38—Corner of Main and Forest Sts.
39—Corner of Franklin and Main Sts.
41—Corner of Village and Green Sts.
42—Corner of John and Haven Sts.
44—Corner of Salem and Pearl Sts.
45—Corner of Salem and Belmont Sts.
46—Corner of Charles and Pearl Sts.
47—Corner of Haverhill and Charles Sts.
48—Pine St., near Salem.
55—Reading Rubber Mills.
61—Corner of Main and Washington Sts.
62—Corner of Main and Haven Sts.
63—Woburn St., front of Congregational Church.
64—Central Fire Station.
65—Corner of Bancroft Ave. and Middlesex Ave.
67—Corner of High St. and Middlesex Ave.
68—Corner of Gould and Haven Sts.

LEONARD T. EAMES,
Supt. Fire Alarm.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens: —

I herewith submit my annual report as Inspector of Animals.

The inspection of neat cattle, sheep and swine within our Town limits has been carried out in a thorough and impartial manner, reports completed and returns made as required by the Cattle Bureau.

The cattle showing evidence of having any disease of a contagious nature were quarantined, appraised, condemned and rendered. The places where such animals were kept were properly disinfected before other animals were allowed to replace them.

The public is awakening to the fact that a cleaner, healthier and better product is what is wanted, and the only way such product can be obtained is through the constant demand for more sanitary stables, milk rooms, receptacles, persons handling and mode of delivering products.

All these things call for more help and more expense, which consequently calls for an additional price for such products.

I feel justified in saying that our townspeople are not the kind to want things of an inferior quality just because it is cheap, but are willing to pay for the quality received. I think that one of the best ways for the people to find out what they are getting is to visit the several dairies supplying milk, and I venture to say they will be amply repaid, especially if they stop and consider the way milk was cared for years ago and the additional expense of today. Few would be willing to go back to the old products at the old prices but many will think that the price received is not enough even now.

The campaign of education is the best way of producing any change for the better; so let the good work go on and shortly things will be better than at present.

I wish to thank the people of our Town, especially the farmers and live-stock owners, for the courteous manner in which they have received and treated me, and the willingness with which they have carried out any suggestions made regarding better sanitation of their premises, even though many could not afford to make the necessary changes.

The slaughtering industry has grown so rapidly of late that it resembles a young Brighton or a Kansas City. Last year there were 2,476 head killed. In March, 1909, new laws were passed necessitating closer inspection, more time and more expense, which is a matter for considerable thought for the townspeople, and a matter which is likely to cause much comment until properly understood. I have, however, tried to do my best, and if the townspeople want a change, I am ready to withdraw.

Yours very truly,

C. H. PLAYDON, M.D.V., Inspector.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen : —

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to present the ninth annual report of the department of Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1909: —

	CORRECT	ADJ.	CD.	TOTAL
No. of scales over 5,000 lbs.	1	3		4
" scales under 5,000 lbs.	3	15		18
" small scales	23	25		48
" computing scales	5	4		9
" pan scales	7	4		11
" family scales		3		3
" ice scales	4	2		6
" steelyards	1			1
" balances	2	2		4
" weights	148	140		288
" milk measures	6		1	7
" wet measures	27			27
" dry measures	57		1	58
" yard sticks	11			11
" milk and cream jars	12,214		39	12,253

Money received for sealing, $24.49.

There has been an increase of over three thousand bottles the past year.

In the year 1909 I have made eighty-eight inspections in the different departments.

Coal re-weighed, five times.

In closing, I wish to express my thanks to the merchants for the courtesy with which I have been received, and also to the town officials for their kind co-operation with me in my work.

Very respectfully,

FRANK W. PARKER,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The general work in the Cemetery has been carefully carried on during the season, and we trust has been satisfactory to the citizens; at least, we have tried to do it in a way that it should be.

We are sorry to be obliged to say that about one hundred and fifty dollars' worth of fall work had to be left undone because the appropriation gave out, but we thought it best to do so than overrun, though we are free to say it is, in our opinion, poor economy. No business man would think of doing that way.

The special appropriation for excavating new land in the Cemetery has been used for that purpose and, in consequence, we shall have sixty-six new and valuable lots which will be ready for sale early in the coming season. These lots have all got to be provided with bound stones, so we shall have to ask for an additional appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

We have received for sale of lots this year one hundred and twenty-five dollars which has been paid to the Town Treasurer. It is the opinion of the board that we should have an appropriation of eleven hundred dollars for the general work in the Cemetery and one hundred and fifty dollars extra for the purchase of bound stones and placing the same.

We have received from the Interest Fund for perpetual care of lots, five hundred and forty-six dollars, and it has been expended for that purpose.

At this time we cannot refrain from again calling attention of the citizens to the necessity of providing perpetual care for their lots by depositing an amount with the Town Treasurer for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Trustees,

A. W. DANFORTH,
Superintendent and Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	$1,100 00
Cash for stone sold	50 00
Cash for rental of tomb	5 00

EXPENDED

Franklin Rubber Co.	$24 00	
J. W. Manning	90 00	
E. C. Metcalf	10 75	
Weston & Emery	30 45	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	6 00	
C. F. Dudley & Co.	146 65	
American Agricultural Co.	31 40	
Salary of Secretary	75 00	
James A. Bancroft	25 75	
O. O. Ordway	1 05	
Francis Bros.	1 70	
M. D. Jones	9 25	
F. Wallace	4 90	
Labor and teams	697 35	
	$1,154 25	
Unexpended	75	
	$1,155 00	$1,155 00

SPECIAL

Appropriation for excavating and grading new land in Cemetery		$1,200 00
June 5th, paid C. F. Dudley & Co.	$800 00	
June 18th, paid C. F. Dudley & Co.	400 00	
	$1,200 00	$1,200 00

A. W. DANFORTH,
Superintendent and Secretary.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Reading: —

During the year 1909, Town trees were fortunate; the damage borne from high winds and storms have been less than usual and the insect pests have been largely reduced. There is need of considerable trimming being done in some localities; dead branches should be removed as fast as they appear, both for the good of the tree and for public safety. The result of spraying the elm trees the past season was, I believe, on the whole, satisfactory, but did not seem to remedy every tree. A few trees showed the effects of feeding, while trees near by sprayed at the same time and from the same load of poison were protected. I can see no reason for this, and the only remedy would be a second application of poison.

A contribution of $15.00 was received from the Reading Woman's Club, which was used for tree planting.

The use of climbing-irons on street trees is much discussed, and many towns use them in their moth work. I believe the trees have enough to contend with without subjecting them to this abuse.

We are obliged to do considerable cutting when brown tail moths are numerous. With gypsy and brown tail moths, elm leaf beetle and leopard moth, electric light and telephone wires, I believe the use of climbing irons by the Moth Department, Electric Light Department and Telephone Company would result in immediate and continuous injury. Many say that spurs do not injure a rough bark tree, — elm, white oak, etc. I know that where climbing-irons are used on rough bark trees, soon maple, red oaks and all trees bear spur marks.

Therefore in the future, as long as I may have the care of Reading's trees (and I fully appreciate the honor), I wish it understood that the Reading Moth Department does not use climbing-

irons, and your Tree Warden does not allow them used by any one on Town trees.

I recommend an appropriation of three hundred and fifty ($350) dollars for work in the Tree Warden's Department.

In making this recommendation, I am anticipating the taking over of the elm leaf beetle pest by the State, and think this amount is needed for trimming work, regular and incidental expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. HUBBARD, Tree Warden.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation		$150 00
Received from Reading Woman's Club		15 00
EXPENDED		
Labor	$160 65	
Labor and teams	2 50	
Unexpended	1 85	
	$165 00	$165 00

REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Reading:—

I have the honor of submitting to you the annual report of the Forest Warden for the year ending December 31, 1909.

Number of applications for permits to set fires in the open air, one hundred and twenty-nine.

HERBERT E. McINTIRE,
Forest Warden.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation		$150 00
EXPENDED		
H. E. McIntire, salary, Forest Warden, 1909	$20 00	
J. N. Weston, salary, Deputy Forest Warden to April 30, 1909	15 00	
Geo. F. Blanchard, salary, Deputy Forest Warden to Sept. 15, 1909	15 00	
F. W. Davis, salary, Deputy Forest Warden to April 30, 1909	15 00	
Henry Wright & Sons	16 50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	8 10	
T. C. Fife	2 55	
J. W. Austin	4 50	
W. F. Cook	2 50	
O. O. Ordway	1 50	
J. J. Cameron	1 80	
Labor	130 50	
Labor and teams	54 75	
Overdrawn		137 70
	$287 70	$287 70

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading: --

The Board of Health herewith submits its annual report:

Number of contagious diseases reported, 67.

Diphtheria, 4; scarlet fever, 13; measles, 47; typhoid fever, 2; pulmonary tuberculosis, 1.

Deaths of contagious diseases, 3.

Deaths from all causes, 76.

Houses fumigated, 48.

Complaints received and investigated, 20.

A report in detail of the branch of plumbing and drains will be found in the report of the Inspector of Plumbing which is appended.

Most respectfully submitted,

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, Chairman,
GEORGE L. FLINT,
FREDERIC D. MERRILL, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation	$600 00
Amount received from E. R. Wylie .	5 20

EXPENDED

G. S. Tukey, salary, Inspector of Plumbing .	$350 04	
G. S. Tukey, fumigating	33 50	
Elizabeth A. Smith, executrix, rent to July 15, 1909	67 50	

Frank E. Benard, administrator, rent from July 15 to October 15, 1909	$22 50	
C. W. McDougal, plumbing examiner, 1907 and 1908	10 00	
W. Bancroft & Co.	10 90	
American Express Company	7 90	
F. H. Parker & Sons	6 12	
North Reading State Sanitorium	31 43	
Borthwick Bros.	20 25	
International Chemical Co.	16 80	
City of Malden	20 00	
Municipal Light Board	8 77	
F. D. Merrill	1 00	
E. D. Richmond, M.D.	1 50	
E. M. Halligan, M.D.	4 00	
J. W. Jeffries	9 41	
Geo. B. Griffiths	1 50	
Henry Shaw	3 20	
O. P. Symonds & Sons	1 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	7 50	
A. W. Danforth	2 30	
John Stock	1 00	
W. C. Barrett	1 00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	43 77	
Overdrawn		77 69
	$682 89	$682 89

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable, the Board of Health:

Gentlemen: — The work in the Plumbing Department for the year ending December 31, 1909, was as follows:

Applications filed	113
Applications left over, 1908	6
Applications left over, 1909	4
Inspections and calls made	367
Number of fixtures set	437
Water closets set	96
Bowls set	74
Bath tubs set	67
Sinks set	90
Butlers' sinks set	2
Wash trays set	107
Urinals set	1
Additions	3
Alterations	15
Repairs	2
Ventilations	2
Drip drains	2
Drans inspected	56

Several special inspections have been made at the request of the Board, and defects remedied.

Remarks by Your Inspector and Agent

Acts and Resolves, 1909, Chapter 314: An Act to Authorize the Town of Reading to Construct a System of Sewerage.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows: The Town of Reading is hereby authorized to lay out, construct, maintain and operate a

system or systems of main drains and common sewers for a part or the whole of its territory, with such connections and other works as may be required for a system of sewage disposal, etc., etc.

Thanks to the persistency of your Board, and the active interest of a few of our far-sighted citizens who have seen the importance of such a measure, the Town of Reading now has authority to solve a very perplexing problem in the center of the Town. Your Inspector believes, and believes strongly, that the above act should be put into immediate operation in and around the business center: the Act should not be put on the shelf to mould and must. The conditions in certain places near the center are wretched from a sanitary standpoint, and are a source of continuous trouble and expense to their owners and occupants. The very frequent emptying of cesspools, the method of conveyance, and the disposal of the sewage, result in a continual digging at and fault-finding with your Board and me. People with super-sensitive noses actually wonder why we at the office cannot detect the various odors over the telephone.

I cannot comprehend why, when your Board has so often put the question before the people, both the Board and its ideas have been utterly ignored. Can it be that our people fail to realize that certain conditions are exceedingly dangerous from the health standpoint? Let them ask any decent authority. Can it be the phantom bugbear of taxes? Do they not know that our most unhealthful nuisance, the cesspool, costs more to maintain (in the long run) than any sewer tax possibly could? Let them consult some authority of their own choosing.

One of our most valuable helpers on this question has left us, but honored memories of his unselfish, intelligent work and wise counsel remain to cheer us on. I hope, and believe, that other public spirited citizens will be found to help us who are left to go on with the work. We who have homes, both large and small, outside the danger zone, should not be so selfish as to oppose a measure which is absolutely necessary to the welfare of all. Suppose an epidemic should break out in the center—this is no im-

possible supposition—should we not all suffer? Gentlemen, it is high time to act! Close the door before the valued horse escapes and remove a dangerous nuisance before we spoil our reputation for being a healthful town. Act before death's head stares us in the face!

Are we not interested in this most vital of all local questions — local healthfulness?

Should I be spared until May 1, 1910, I shall have served your Board seventeen years. During that time I have made numerous observations, and it seems to me: —

First: That the citizens of Reading are about as conversant with the trials and tribulations of the Board of Health, and have about as much knowledge of its work and responsibilities, as about the Town's expenses for the now celebrated Wellington Bridge, for the past few years (see Town Report for 1908, page 223.)

Second: That your Board with its serious responsibilities and ample authority, should not enlist financial public opinion to a greater degree; knowing, as I do from personal observation, that you have rendered a thousand times greater service to the Town than the paltry sum of $25 per year would signify. Are our citizens aware that your salary is the most meagre of any board in Town? Are they aware also that your authority and responsibility are the greatest?

Third: It seems to me that bills incurred wisely and legitimately, and approved by your Board, should be paid by the Selectmen promptly, and not pigeon-holed for three months or more. These bills should be paid promptly so as to get the percentages off for cash, and to keep our credit good.

Fourth: It seems to me that your Inspector, being an officer appointed under State laws, should be of sufficient importance to be classed with other Town officers and receive his salary from the Town's appropriation for officer's salaries, rather than being paid out of an allowance for the Board of Health's incidentals to swell in the eyes of the people.

Permit me to quote from the State law: —

Massachusetts Plumbing Law

Chapter 103, Revised Laws, Section 5: "The Board of Health shall, and within three months from the passage of this Act, appoint one or more Inspectors of Plumbing, etc., who shall hold office until removed by said Board, etc., *for cause which must be shown.*"

Again, Section 8: "Any city or town mentioned in Section 3 of this Act, refusing to comply with any of the provisions of this Act, *shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars* to the use of the Commonwealth for every month during which such neglect may continue."

Moreover, the salary received by your Inspector, even with that he gets from Wakefield, is far from what it ought to be. It is hardly enough to keep the wolf from the door. My time is yours, night and day. I cannot engage in other work; my experience is at your service. Yet, the journeyman plumber commands more than I get. Boston pays her Inspectors $1,200 to $2,400 a year. I have to stand the same tests as they; my work has to be as good under the law.

Where is the justice, where is the reason, in so great a difference between two experts as exists in the cases of the Superintendent of Schools and the Plumbing Inspector? Can it be that education is better than health?

Fifth: It seems to me that when the people of the Town realize the crying necessity for a permanent dumping place, they will co-operate with and assist the Board to procure the same, rather than fight them at every turn.

Sixth: It seems to me, from long observation (and my opinion in this matter is very firm), that the requisites for a successful member of the Board of Health are simply intelligence and grit and sand — nine-tenths plain *courage.* He ought never to play politics, nor fear to act because of a few votes, or because of treading on somebody's toes. He ought to be as fearless as a soldier, ready to go where danger lurks, exposing himself and even his family, if need be. *Hence it is that so few of us crave the office.* We ought to have a physician on the Board. Why haven't we? Is it that they fear

making enemies or losing fees? During my seventeen years of office with your Board, one man only has served as a member all that time; his long, faithful service, his untiring, unselfish labors will never be appreciated. We who know these facts honor and respect him. Would there were more men like him in public life.

Finally, it seems to me, that as far as the foregoing remarks are concerned, your honorable Board will have no misunderstanding. You who know me, know well my intentions are good. If I speak plain truths, it is because I feel strongly they ought to be spoken. I am in a place where I get some knowledge I cannot here set down. From that knowledge I have gotten certain very firm convictions, I am speaking truly when I say I labor for the good of the Town, rich and poor, high and low. We are all one, when health is at stake. In a word, I have fought and shall continue to fight as long as I serve your Honorable Board, "not with man" but against DISEASE, to the best of my ability and judgment.

Yours truly,

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY,
Inspector and Agent.

Submitted Jan. 1st, 1910.

I thank the Board, the Secretary, my craft and citizens at large for their kind co-operation.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

Valuation of real estate		
Buildings, excluding land	$2,794,760 00	
Land, excluding buildings	1,749,090 00	
Total real estate		$4,543,850 00
Personal estate, excluding resident National Bank stock	$882,829 00	
Resident National Bank stock	27,750 00	
Total personal estate		910,579 00
Total real and personal estate		$5,454,429 00
Increase in real estate	$ 60,820 00	
Increase in personal estate	154,987 00	
Total increase in valuation		$215,807 00
Tax on real estate	$95,421 52	
Tax on personal estate	19,584 16	
Tax on polls	3,376 00	
Moth tax on real estate	937 87	
Total assessed May 1, 1909		$119,319 55
Tax assessed on polls since May 1, 1909		10 00
Additional supplementary tax assessed Dec. 17, 1909, personal estate		2,058 84
Rssessment and supplementary tax assessed on real estate		92 65

Street Railway Excise Tax on 11.720 miles in Reading . .	$2,443 26
Total assessed from all sources in 1909	$123,924 30
Total assessed in 1908 . . .	112,027 52
1909 Tax in access of 1908 . .	$11,896 78
State Highway Tax . . .	$186 80
State Tax	6,480 00
Wellington Bridge Tax . .	458 97
County Tax	5,552 05
Total	$12,677 82
Balance used for Town purposes .	$111,246 48

Rate of Taxation $21 on $1000.

Total number persons assessed on property . . .	1682
Total number persons assessed on polls only . . .	988
Total number of polls May 1, 1909	1688
Number of polls added since	5
Total polls assessed	1693
Increase 1909	13
Number of horses	393
Number of cows	391
Number of neat cattle	37
Number of sheep	3
Number of swine	201
Number of fowls	4397
Number of dwellings	1334
Number of new dwellings	15
Number of acres of land	5734

JOHN H. ADDEN,
MILLARD F. CHARLES,
MERRICK A. STONE,
Assessors of Reading.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR

H. M. Viall, Collector,

In Account with Town of Reading

Dr.		
Uncollected tax, 1907	$8,924 36	
Interest, 1907	759 34	
Committed list, 1909	119,319 55	
Additional tax, 1909	55 15	
Excise tax, 1909	2,443 26	
Supplementary tax, 1909	2,093 74	
Interest, 1909	107 71	
Postage	3 26	
Received account redemption J. T. McDonald, 1905	36 24	
Received account redemption J. T. McDonald, 1906	33 59	
Received account redemption A. F. Newhouse, 1906	143 83	
Received account redemption H. B. Crandall, 1906	141 50	
Received account redemption Florence Buxton, 1906	7 28	
Received account certificate of town liens, F. H. Grant	1 00	
Received certificate of town liens A. W. Parker	1 00	
Cr.		
W. C. Mansfield, Treas., account 1907 tax		$9,507 80
W. C. Mansfield, Treas., account 1909 tax		80,466 53

W. C. Mansfield, Treas., account excise tax		2,442 75
W. C. Mansfield, Treas., account postage		3 26
W. C. Mansfield, Treas., account J. T. McDonald		69 83
W. C. Mansfield, Treas., account A. F. Newhouse		143 83
W. C. Mansfield, Treas., account H. B. Crandall		141 50
W. C. Mansfield, Treas., account Florence Buxton		7 28
W. C. Mansfield, Treas., ctf. town liens		2 00
Uncollected taxes, account 1907		175 90
Uncollected taxes, account 1909		41,110 13
	$134,070 81	$134,070 81

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. VIALL, Collector.

MERRICK A. STONE, Collector,

TO TOWN OF READING

	DR.	CR.
Uncollected taxes, Jan. 1st, 1909	$37,341 18	
Interest	822 37	
Amount collected, account postage, 1908	5 30	
Amount collected, account postage, 1909	1 20	
Three certificate fees	3 00	
By cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treas.		$6,975 00
By cash paid Ward C. Mansfield, "		16,534 42
Uncollected taxes Jan. 1, 1910		14,064 63
Abatements		589 50
Postage account		6 50
Certificate fees		3 00
	$38,173 05	$38,173 05

REPORT OF

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1909

Overseers of the Poor

JAMES W. KILLAM, *Chairman*

OLIVER L. AKERLEY, *Secretary*

GEORGE L. PRATT

Superintendent of Town Home

WM. C. SMITH

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading: —

We herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1909.

There have been four inmates at the Town Home during the entire year and five inmates during a portion of the year, as shown in the table on the following page.

Herbert L. Bosquet resigned as Superintendent of the Town Home, and William C. Smith was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The net expense of the Town Home was greater this year than last, but this extra expense is accounted for by the fact that a new stock shed has been built and considerable addition has been made to the live stock and equipment at the Home, part of which may be seen by comparing the lists of personal property for the two years.

The calls for outside aid have been about the same as last year, temporary aid having been dispensed to nineteen adults and twenty-four children.

The financial statement of this department may be found on the following pages.

JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
GEORGE L. PRATT,
Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN HOME INMATES

James Hunter	aged 66	years
Henry W. Weston	" 62	"
Charles H. Ballard	" 63	"
Frank C. Gilchrist	" 63	"
John McDonald, admitted Jan. 24, 1909; discharged March 29, 1909	" 73	"
William Leonard, admitted Sept. 23, 1909	" 78	"

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN HOME JAN. 1, 1910

Live stock	$984 50
Hay and grain	247 50
Wagons, carts and sleighs	213 00
Manure	105 00
Harnesses, blankets, etc.	43 00
Two snow plows	15 00
Spraying machine	35 00
Barrels, boxes and baskets	27 75
Fuel	121 50
Farming tools and implements	188 20
Beds and bedding	157 10
Household furniture and utensils	406 50
Provisions	215 35
	$2,759 40

TOWN HOME

Amount received from sale of farm products, live stock, gravel and use of team on highway	$1,731 50
Amount received from bill overpaid	4 43
Amount received for board	5 00

EXPENDED

H. L. Bosquet, salary, Superintendent, Jan. 1, 1909, to March 31, 1909	$125 01

H. L. Bosquet, miscellaneous supplies	$ 6 88
W. C. Smith, salary, Superintendent, from April 1, 1909, to Dec. 31, 1909	412 51
W. C. Smith, miscellaneous supplies	31 94
W. C. Smith, cows	160 00
John Lynch, wages	35 00
Edward H. Green, wages	60 00
George E. Ramsdell, wages	37 25
Margaret Cox, wages	28 00
Agnes Hilton, wages	8 00
Emma Eckles, wages	20 00
Mary Morrison, wages	130 26
George E. Hunt, wages	120 00
Silas Curtis, wages	12 60
Annie Regan, wages	8 00
E. C. Packer, labor	2 00
O. V. Bennett, labor	6 00
J. D. Canty, hay	20 00
C. E. Nokes, hay	17 00
C. S. Pettingill, cows	343 00
Municipal Light Board	43 46
C. L. Martin Co., coal	112 00
Wendell Bancroft & Co., lumber and supplies	149 56
Francis Bartley	39 88
Reading Water Works	73 17
Rockport Fish Co.	55 28
E. L. Chamberlain	98 97
George H. Atkinson Co.	917 87
F. Wallace	425 08
M. F. Holt	43 14
W. A. Rich	30 55
C. L. Nichols	92 82
Reading Citizens' Ice Co.	10 25
A. S. Cook & Co.	13 38
F. G. MacDonald	3 40
A. D. Gordon	14 30

Hall & Macfarland	$ 5 00
Francis Brothers	65 83
R. H. Lord, hay	38 18
W. H. Willis	9 65
F. L. Smalley, M. D.	100 50
E. M. Halligan, M. D.	7 50
C. R. Henderson, M. D.	4 00
C. H. Playdon	4 00
J. J. Hogan	13 11
Miley Soap Co.	17 25
George F. Dow, M. D.	9 00
James Wilkins, labor	7 50
Prentiss & Viall	23 50
William Taylor	21 94
Quincy Market	36 67
William H. Wightman	15 00
P. J. Seaman	7 95
J. J. Cameron	8 59
H. P. Hubbard	9 25
C. D. Wells	10 38
F. W. Parker	4 75
Peter Ainsworth	18 00
George H. Towle	15 00
W. S. Parker	6 00
Chas. P. French	6 00
C. E. Mellen	7 75
Simeon C. Keith, Jr.	2 00
Jos. Breck & Sons Corp.	7 75
Haskell Implement & Seed Co.	1 25
J. A. Murphy	75
A. D. Damon	1 50
E. C. Metcalf	45
K. H. Huse	38 00
Moth Department	14 00
A. W. Danforth	8 75
Chas. Wakefield	3 80

Wm. Draffin	$2 00	
E. F. Gerry	2 03	
Walter Gray	1 40	
L. T. Eames	1 27	
M. F. Charles	85	
Carried to Poor Account		2,523 73
	$4,264 66	$4,264 66

POOR OUT OF TOWN HOME

Amount received from Frank Lamprey		$18 00

EXPENDED

Mary L. H. Parker, supplies	$14 79	
Jane Green, supplies and medical attendance	69 06	
Frank Lamprey and family, supplies and medical attendance	151 21	
Julia A. Morton, supplies	60 00	
Delia Casey, supplies and medical attendance	23 85	
Gertrude Cederburg, supplies and medical attendance	293 78	
Charles S. Coney, supplies and medical attendance	18 00	
Margaret Hannaford, fuel	16 00	
Harold Southwell, board at Massachusetts School for Feeble Minded	42 25	
James A. Doucette, fuel and supplies	25 55	
Arletta Henderson, medical attendance	7 50	
John W. White, supplies	2 51	
Frank L. Johnson, fuel	7 25	
Geo. Zanni, medical attendance	50 00	
Theresa Froton, fuel and supplies	56 88	
John McDonald, supplies	1 50	
Carried to Poor Account		822 13
	$840 13	$840 13

SUMMARY

Appropriation		$3,000 00
EXPENDED		
Net expenses Town Home . . .	$2,523 73	
Poor out of Town Home	822 13	
Overdrawn		345 86
	$3,345 86	$3,345 86

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In Account with Town of Reading

Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts		$293 46
EXPENDED		
Annie Melonson and family, fuel and supplies	$63 40	
Amy L. Ballou and family, fuel and supplies	140 00	
Mary E. Skinner, supplies	79 56	
Mary Clements, fuel and supplies . .	10 50	
	$293 46	$293 46

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Amount due from City of Cambridge .		$176 89
EXPENDED		
Charlotte White and family, fuel and supplies	$176 89	
	$176 89	$176 89

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF WILMINGTON

Amount due from Town of Wilmington		$19 55
EXPENDED		
Sarah White and family, fuel . . .	$19 55	
	$19 55	$19 55

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF NORFOLK

Amount due from Town of Norfolk .		$129 44
EXPENDED		
Herman Seifert and family, supplies . .	$129 44	
	$129 44	$129 44

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF CANTON

Amount due from Town of Canton .		$79 56
EXPENDED		
Raymond and Elsie Hobby, supplies . .	$79 56	
	$79 56	$79 56

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Electric Light Commissioners

For the Year Ending December 31

1909

OFFICERS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners

GEORGE L. FLINT, Chairman . .	Term expires 1912
JAMES M. MAXWELL, Jr., Secretary .	Term expires 1911
WILLIAM C. BUCK	Term expires 1910

Manager

ARTHUR G. SIAS

Office: Room 9, Masonic Block.

CASH ACCOUNT, 1909

January 1, to balance	$254 35	
To appropriation for street lighting	10,500 00	
To appropriation for Lynnfield extension	2,500 00	
To appropriation for Commissioners' salaries	225 00	
		$13,479 35
To Receipts from Customers:		
Commercial light	$6,300 15	
Domestic light	11,772 65	
Power for motors	2,590 81	
Power for Wakefield	710 94	
Meter rents	171 70	
		$21,546 25
To Sundry Receipts:		
Interest on deposits	$16 78	
Rental of poles	114 90	
Sale of old dynamos, etc.	725 00	
Sale of lamps	784 58	
Sale of wiring material, etc.	1,220 48	
Sale of scrap, etc.	16 66	
Bills receivable	163 88	
Refund on insurance premium	10 60	
Refund on telephone tolls	3 45	
Bad debts	3 35	
Petty cash (transferred)	200 00	
		$3,259 68
		$38,285 28

Cr.

By Cash paid for Account of Construction:		
Steam plant	$7 00	
Incandescent street lamp fixtures	32 38	
Lines	1,325 92	
Meters	877 93	
Transformers	597 86	
Lynnfield extension	2,461 85	
Extension of power lines	103 44	
		$5,406 38

By Cash paid for Account of Maintenance:		
Fuel	$7,338 46	
Oil and waste	425 15	
Water	139 05	
Station wages	5,384 43	
Repairs, real estate	365 37	
Repairs, steam plant	1,165 18	
Repairs, electric plant	1,813 30	
Station tools and appliances	251 78	
Wages, care of lights and meters	275 43	
Repair of lines	1,658 00	
Carbons	172 78	
Incandescent lamps	1,385 82	
Globes	52 50	
Distribution tools and appliances	72 55	
General salaries	2,079 90	
Board expenses	28 80	
General office expense	754 79	
Rents	120 00	
Insurance	1,008 53	
Law expenses	3 00	
Repair of meters	19 03	
Stable expense	471 89	
Jobbing and line material	1,857 04	
Office furniture	43 30	
Salaries of Light Board	225 00	
Interest	2,405 00	
Bonds	3,000 00	
Special Committee	50 92	
Refund, account of over-payment, Town light	7 58	
Petty cash (transferred)	200 00	
Balance, cash in bank	104 32	
		$32,878 90
		$38,285 28

OPERATIONS FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1909

Expense

For Manufacture:		
Fuel	$6,480 24	
Oil and waste	308 43	
Water	157 25	
Station wages	5,384 43	
Repairs, real estate	369 63	
Repairs, steam plant	800 37	
Repairs, electric plant	1,511 15	
Station tools and appliances	145 47	
		$15,156 97
For Distribution:		
Wages, care of lights and meters	$275 43	
Repairs of lines	1,378 23	
Carbons	144 10	
Globes	62 53	
Incandescent lamps	369 09	
Repair of meters	18 98	
Distribution tools	31 90	
		$2,280 26
For Miscellaneous Expenses:		
General salaries	$2,079 90	
General office expense	736 24	
Salaries of Light Board	225 00	
Rents	130 00	
Insurance	1,181 93	
Law expense	3 00	
Stable expense	492 89	
Board expenses	28 80	
		$4,877 76
		$22,314 99

Income

Commercial light, less discount	$5,914 13	
Domestic light, less discount	11,959 98	
Power for motors	2,769 17	
Power for Wakefield	945 24	
Light for municipal buildings	365 84	
Rent of meters	114 80	
Rent of poles	114 90	
Sale of steam	121 31	
Loss in manufacturing	9 62	
		$22,314 99

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Dr.

Deficit Jan. 1, 1909	$39,229 33	
Interest paid	2,426 25	
Depreciation	3,373 00	
Loss in manufacturing	9 62	
Bad debts	98 17	
Balance of appropriation, special committee	104 59	
Accounts receivable, special committee	725 00	
Accounts receivable, Town light	927 02	
		$46,892 98

Cr.

Appropriation for interest	$2,373 75	
Appropriation for depreciation	3,373 00	
Appropriation for maintenance	1,753 25	
Appropriation for Commissioners' salaries	225 00	
Jobbing profit	160 65	
Interest on bank balances	16 78	
		$7,902 43
Deficit, Dec. 31, 1909		$38,990 55
		$46,892 98

CONSTRUCTION

Additions during 1909:		
Steam plant	$7 00	
Street lines	1,712 97	
Meters	1,225 17	
Transformers	414 81	
Lynnfield extension	2,565 22	
Extension of power lines	195 42	
		$6,120 59
Cost of plant to Jan. 1, 1909		112,425 11
Cost of plant to Jan. 1, 1910		$118,545 70

STATEMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1909

Assets

Real estate	$11,508 58	
Steam plant	11,806 26	
Electric plant	12,429 95	
Street lines	18,455 64	
Incandescent street lamp fixtures	34 08	
Arc lamps	5,372 17	
Meters	7,406 85	
Transformers	5,972 76	
Lynnfield extension	2,565 22	
Extension of power lines	195 42	
Cash in Town treasury	104 32	
Cash in Mechanics' Savings Bank (Customers' Deposits)	635 39	
Stable	599 60	
Office Furniture	423 15	
Accounts receivable (manufacturing)	4,331 43	
Sundry accounts receivable	176 15	
Inventory (supplies on hand)	5,420 25	
Profit and loss deficit	38,990 55	
		$126,427 77

LIABILITIES

Bonds outstanding	$54,000 00	
Notes payable (Lynnfield extension)	2,500 00	
Appropriations for construction	20,645 04	
Appropriations for bond payments	22,000 00	
Appropriations for note payments	18,500 00	
Overdraft, construction	3,211 64	
Interest accrued, not due	582 50	
Customers' deposits	635 39	
Accounts payable, construction	1,539 40	
Accounts payable, maintenance	2,813 80	
		$126,427 77

The increase over last year in the expenses for manufacture, distribution and general expense has been about 12 per cent. The increase in earnings has been about 15 per cent., and the increase in station output about 42 per cent.

The principal items of expense which have increased over the previous year are as follows:

Fuel	$410 48
Repair of steam plant	451 49
Repair of electric plant	1,484 60
Insurance	177 52

The increase in fuel cost was on account of increased output.

Repair of steam plant on account of new blow-off pipe complete for the boilers, repairs on the small engine, and furnace brick work under the boilers.

Repair of electric plant on account of new generator.

The increase in insurance was due to an additional premium on liability policies amounting to $387.12, which was on account of the difference between the estimated and actual size of pay roll for the policy year ending March 6, 1909, the estimate being $5,000.00, and the actual $9,424.27.

During the past year our connected load has been increased by the addition of 2,057 lamps, 103 electric flat irons and 44 h. p. in motors.

The present number of customers is 685, number of lamps connected approximately 14,000, and total horse power in motors 148½.

One circuit of street lights in the center of the town, consisting of 35 arcs and 3 incandescents, has been burned a total of 3,763 hours and 5 minutes during the past year, the remaining 103 arcs and 1 incandescent having burned a total of 3,118 hours and 40 minutes.

The total output at the switchboard was 609,290 kilowatt hours.

There have been delivered and sold to customers 229,175 kilowatt hours.

There have been used on the street light circuit 228,860 kilowatt hours.

On May 4th of the past year, we secured from the Wakefield Municipal Light Board a two years' contract to furnish the plant in that town with current during certain non-peak hours. On July 27th we commenced to furnish the current on this contract and the revenue from this source has been $945.24, as you will note by referring to the statement of income. The cost for the necessary construction to obtain this business was $1,159.96, for which no special appropriation was made.

Under the vote authorizing the extension of the lighting and power service to Lynnfield Center, for which a special appropriation of $2,500.00 was made, we have extended the commercial service to that village and the current was turned on December 10th. At the present time we have connected 17 customers with a total installation of 383 lamps and others are having their premises wired for current. The matter of lighting the streets is also being considered and no doubt some action will be taken by the citizens at an early date. The appropriation has been slightly exceeded owing to the fact that we have covered more feet of street with our lines than was originally intended.

In the town of North Reading several of the citizens are anxious to obtain electric lighting and some have already had their premises wired. The manufacturing firms in the town are also interested in obtaining electric power and the outlook for business in the town seems very good.

At a special Town Meeting held November 30, 1909, an appropriation of $1,800.00 was voted for the extension of the power lines to the town pumping station. Material has been purchased for this extension and work has been commenced on same, but it was thought best not to issue the note until about January 20th, 1910, consequently the value of the material on hand December 31st appears in the item of unpaid bills.

The Manager's estimate for the cost of operation for 1910 is as follows:

For operating expenses	$23,814 99
Interest	2,416 75
Depreciation	3,556 00
Bond payments	3,000 00
Note payments (Lynnfield ext.)	1,000 00
Total	$33,787 74
Estimated income from customers	$23,787 74
Balance	$10,000 00
New construction	1,200 00
Total to be appropriated	$11,200 00

The above amount should be considered as the cost of the street lighting for 1910, and is approximately .049 cents per kilowatt hour, based on the kilowatt hours used on the street light circuits during the past year.

The following table shows the earnings of light and power for five years: —

LIGHTS

	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909
Total	$13,477 41	$15,737 45	$18,619 16	$19,917 21	$21,217 40
Discounts	1,120 23	1,867 39	2,349 28	2,602 77	2,863 45
Net	$12,357 18	$13,870 06	$16,269 88	$17,314 44	$18,353 95

POWER

	1906	1907	1908	1909
Total	$434 41	$1,787 82	$2,051 39	$3,730 84
Discounts . . .	1 75	58	14 50	15 63
Net	$432 66	$1,787 24	$2,036 89	$3,715 21

NET TOTAL LIGHT AND POWER

1905	1906	1907	1908	1909
$12,357 18	$14,302 72	$18,057 12	$19,351 33	$22,069 16

GEO. L. FLINT,
JAMES M. MAXWELL, Jr.,
Municipal Light Board.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF READING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1909

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WALTER S. PARKER, Chairman, Walnut St.
Term expires 1911

HOWARD W. POOR, Mt. Vernon St. Term expires 1911

MRS. ELIZABETH H. BROWN, Prospect St.
Term expires 1910

HENRY C. PARKER, Chute St. Term expires 1910

EDWIN L. HUTCHINSON, Lowell St. Term expires 1912

CHARLES A. LORING, Summer Ave. Term expires 1912

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee
HARRY T. WATKINS

Truant Officer
WILLIAM KIDDER

Medical Inspector
E. DALTON RICHMOND, M. D.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE

WALTER S. PARKER, Chairman

HARRY T. WATKINS, Secretary

Sub-Committees

FINANCES AND ACCOUNTS

W. S. Parker — E. L. Hutchinson

H. W. Poor

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

H. C. Parker — W. S. Parker

Mrs. Brown

SCHOOLHOUSES AND PROPERTY

C. A. Loring — E. L. Hutchinson

H. W. Poor

RULES AND REGULATIONS

E. L. Hutchinson — H. W. Poor

C. A. Loring

TEACHERS AND SALARIES

W. S. Parker — H. C. Parker

H. W. Poor

MUSIC AND DRAWING

Mrs. Brown — H. C. Parker

C. A. Loring

COURSE OF STUDY

H. W. Poor — H. C. Parker

Mrs. Brown

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Another year has passed and we have made some progress towards the attainment of our ideal in education.

We are far from realizing to the full, the completion of our ideal. We have met many difficulties which have been hard to overcome.

The many changes in our corps of teachers is a problem which has been worked out in a very satisfactory way by the Superintendent.

Just how far we should go in our endeavor to keep our best teachers, is a serious question which is constantly before us.

The employment of efficient teachers, is the most important thing in connection with the whole educational system.

Our former Superintendent, M. A. Stone, after several years of highly satisfactory service, accepted a position in Shelburne Falls where his whole time would be engaged.

The Committee concluded that some arrangement should be made whereby the whole time of the Superintendent might be given to Reading. After careful consideration of the matter, the Committee elected H. T. Watkins as Superintendent of Schools and as Principal of the High School for the year 1909—1910. This arrangement is not an untried experiment. Other towns have worked under the plan for many years. The Superintendent has been very successful with the plan thus far.

We desire to call the attention of the citizens to the financial statement and the Superintendent's report which accompany this document.

The terms of Elizabeth H. Brown and Henry C. Parker expire at the ensuing town meeting.

APPROPRIATIONS

We recommend that the town raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000 for regular school expenses, and the sum of $5,000 for school incidentals, the amount being in each case the same as was granted by the town last year.

Adopted by School Committee, Feb. 10, 1910.

WALTER S. PARKER, Chairman
ELIZABETH H. BROWN
HENRY C. PARKER
HOWARD W. POOR
CHARLES A. LORING
EDWIN L. HUTCHINSON

ADDENDA

As we go to press, we understand that both retiring members decline to stand again as candidates for the school board. The Town will by that action lose the services of two very valuable members of the School Committee.

Mrs. Brown is in many ways especially adapted to render valuable services to the schools and the general cause of education. Her education and successful experience as teacher together with her later service as wife and mother, rendered her eminently fit to pass upon all questions which pertain to the successful training of boys and girls.

Mr. Henry C. Parker by education, by highly successful experience in dealing with young people, by a natural sympathetic nature and a careful study of the problems of education, was enabled at all times to give to the town services of a high order.

It is with extreme regret that we announce their determination to retire from public service.

WALTER S. PARKER
Chairman of School Committee

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Committee of the Town of Reading:

My first annual report, the seventeenth in the series, is herewith offered for your consideration.

As my work in charge of the Reading schools, dating from September 1, covers only four of the ten months of the school year, it will be impossible for me to give a complete resume of the period which has elapsed since the last annual report was published. I can, therefore, only touch upon such conditions and features of the work as have been presented to me in this short time.

During the past year Reading has suffered its usual number of changes in the teaching corps. Situated as the town is, so near the city of Boston, so accessible as to invite visits of Superintendents from nearby towns, it is inevitable that any able teacher in the town of Reading attracts attention from those in larger places seeking high grade talent, and they, with their larger resources, can usually furnish inducements to change.

Though it is a calamity in a measure to lose our good teachers, there is yet the consoling thought that the evident appreciation of others is a proof of the high grade work which they have given us while they have been with us.

Mr. Fred L. Reed of Dartmouth College, sub-master at the High School during the latter part of the school year, during the summer was elected to a mastership in the Belmont School at Berkeley, California, at a salary nearly $400 larger than he was receiving. The place was filled by the election of Mr. W. P. Raymond of Rockland, Mass., a graduate of Brown University, who has fitted into the work admirably, and by his attractive personality, interest in the students, and ability as

an athlete, has already given promise of unusually efficient service.

The latter part of May, Miss Natalie A. Smith, head of the English Department, was taken by the city of Somerville at an increase in salary of $250.00. Her loss to the school was felt strongly, as she was much beloved and respected by all her classes. Miss Marion West of Wollaston, Mass., an honor graduate of Boston University, became her successor in the English Department.

The Stenography and Typewriting Department was made vacant by the resignation of Miss Mary Lerner, who for three years had very skillfully carried on that work. It is at present presided over by Miss Agnes Gilmore of Lynn, another honor graduate of Boston University.

The town of Englewood, N. J., took from us our very able Mathematics teacher, Miss Ruth Buffum, at an increase of $200.00 over her Reading salary. She was succeeded by Miss Reba M. Bush of Chelsea, an honor graduate of Tufts College.

Miss L. Lucile Wheeler of the Physics and Chemistry Department, was called to the Springfield High School at an increase of $200 in salary, and we are exceedingly fortunate in obtaining for that position the services of Miss Sara A. Quimby, of Worcester, Mass., a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, class of 1907. Miss Quimby's college record in her chosen subjects was so high that she was, upon her graduation, elected to the instructorship in Chemistry at Mt. Holyoke, and has done college work there since her graduation. After visiting Reading, she was so impressed with the attractiveness of the town and the spirit of the school, that she was induced to take the Science Department at a salary much less than her ability and experience would imply.

The resignation of Miss Helen B. Flanders from the position of Assistant in the English Department made a vacancy which was filled by Miss Helen Chapin of Holyoke, Mass., a graduate of Mt. Holyoke.

The increase in the enrollment at the High School from about three hundred to three hundred and thirty made it necessary to open up another room and engage another teacher to preside over it. Miss Marjorie Wheeler of White River Junction, a sister of Miss Lucile Wheeler, and a graduate of Mt. Holyoke, was engaged and made assistant in the Modern Language Department.

This is the most sweeping change that has ever occurred in the faculty at the High School in any one year, seven new faces being seen there since last year. It is only fair to say that this change could not be made and the school still be successfully administered unless the teachers were of a very high grade, and the students as a whole were loyal to their school and ready to co-operate with the faculty in the period of adjustment made necessary by the advent of strangers.

The teaching corps of the Centre School remained intact. The only change there was that another room was opened to accommodate a fifth grade, made necessary by the burning of the Lowell St. School building. Miss Mary V. Long is in charge of that room.

At the Prospect St. School, Miss Caroline Spencer resigned at the end of the year, and Miss Billings was elected in her place. Miss Billings in her turn resigned the day before school began in September, and Miss Ada E. Dow of Fort Fairfield, Me., Lowell Normal School, and a teacher of ten years' experience was engaged in her place to take charge of grades I and II. The year had gone but a month when Miss Josephine L. Drown of the Third and Fourth grades was called to Brockton at a large increase in salary, and Miss Helen Knowlton of Chelmsford, Mass., a graduate of Lowell Normal School, assumed charge of grades III and IV in her place.

Miss Marion F. Hall of the Chestnut Hill School was called to other fields by greater inducements and Miss Julia M. Noyes of Haverhill is now in charge of that school.

Thus we see that the teaching corps of Reading has suffered fifteen changes in this school year.

Not only in the teaching corps has Reading suffered changes this past year, but by the unfortunate burning of the Lowell St. School building a new problem was presented in the distribution of the pupils. This has caused much inconvenience to the residents of that section and has also resulted in a very great increase in expense for transportation. The appropriation granted by the town at the November Town Meeting assures the erection of a new building at Lowell St., and it is to be hoped that the new structure will be as great a credit to the town as the present buildings are.

One engaged in active work in administration along educational lines is continually forced to the conclusion that there are two vital points upon which the greater portion of his energy should be concentrated: first,—the health and physical well-being of the children in the schools; second,—the quality of instruction which they receive.

In regard to the first point, it is my opinion that school authorities, as a whole, throughout the country are just at the starting point in taking measures to safe-guard the health of the students. That in many, one might almost say most places, the measures taken towards sanitary conditions in and about the school buildings are either entirely absent, or are of the crudest sort.

The grave danger of gathering together large numbers of children from many different sources, into quarters that are often overcrowded, in buildings which are too often lacking in modern facilities for ventilation and sanitation, subjecting them to the two-fold danger of the dust evil and the public drinking cup are becoming more apparent every day. In every large group of children there are bound to be some affected with diseases which are communicable to others, and the compulsory grouping of these children together for hours every day and for two hundred days in the year, is a constant, though hidden source of danger, which to my mind is far greater than that evidenced by the more spectacular panic occasioned by a few conspicuous cases of scarlet fever, diphtheria or small pox.

The State Board of Health of Massachusetts has begun to prosecute a vigorous campaign along these lines, and none too soon. The Boards of Health of other states, notably Texas, are starting out along the same lines. Wherever enlightenment upon the subject of personal cleanliness, cleanly habits of living and the ordinary precautions against infection in public places has come, the death rate has decreased.

One of the greatest signs of the times is the awakening of the people of this country to the fact that most human diseases are preventable and a large proportion of early deaths avoidable.

"The death rate in any locality or country is usually indicative of the habits and education of the people in reference to the protection of health. In benighted Spain twenty-seven out of every thousand inhabitants perish annually, while in enlightened Norway only fourteen out of every thousand die. In New Orleans the death rate among the colored people is forty-one to a thousand, while among the white race it is only twenty-one to a thousand. Ignorance and negligence in regard to the laws of sanitation invite sickness and death."

In the two most recently constructed buildings in Reading the system of ventilation and sanitation are modern and adequate. In neither building is the public drinking cup tolerated, but modern sanitary drinking fountains are installed. By the careful use of germicidal disinfectants and sweeping compounds to allay the dust evil and by the banishment of the feather duster, conditions are approximately safe. In the other buildings throughout the town conditions are not so good, and it is hoped that gradually the toilets, now outside, may be brought within the buildings and rendered sanitary along modern lines.

I believe that much more emphasis should be placed upon the securing of absolute cleanliness about the buildings, inside and out, than has ever before been insisted upon. Though in

no building in Reading is there allowed a public drinking cup, yet the individual cups brought by the students, exposed as they are to the germ laden dust of the school room, are but a step onward. The Prospect St., Union St., and Chestnut Hill Schools should be equipped with sanitary drinking fountains as soon as possible.

In the matter of medical inspection Reading has fallen into line in conforming with both the letter and spirit of the law. Medical inspection this year has actually been much more than the formal compliance with the law would necessitate. The teachers have been instructed in the symptoms of the various contagious diseases and have freely notified the medical inspector of any suspicious cases. The medical inspector has been very constant in his visits to the various schools, and on the occasion of the recent outbreak of smallpox in the town was thoroughly in touch with the situation at all times where it affected the welfare of the school. I believe that much more good can be done through this matter of medical inspection than has ever been done. Notification of parents in cases of defective eye sight and hearing has been going on for some time, but I believe it is possible for intelligent teachers who have received intruction along such lines to be on the lookout for, and call the attention of parents in a tactful way to other common diseases which are continually present in the school room, and many of which account for otherwise unexplainable cases of backwardness in children.

The presence of adenoids is very readily marked by an observant teacher, and their removal is often the starting point of the complete rejuvenation of what has hitherto been a laggard in school work. By disseminating information in a quiet way regarding the prevention of tuberculosis the teacher can aid in a great work, without at all intruding upon her present duties.

The teacher, principal or superintendent who loses sight for one moment of the fact that **the health of the child** is the most important thing in the world and who does not administer the educational system with that fact constantly in mind is using the educational plant to defeat its own ends. The most glorious result of the combined efforts of the family and the school working together is a young man or woman, intelligent, with high ideals and with a hopeful outlook upon life engendered by perfect physical health, and no amount of intellectual expertness can make up to our future men and women for the awful handicap of physical anaemia, with its accompanying pessimism the lack of energy. The healthy man is the happy man, the successful man, the man who is good to live with.

The second point concerns the **quality** of instruction which the children receive, and which implies the training of the mind and intelligence in the normal body. Again it seems to me that the educator must never lose sight of the fact that the things in an educational system which show are not always the things that count. The best of buildings, the most carefully planned course of study, the most modern appliances and the latest methods can accomplish but little for real education if the instruments by which all these things are to be made available for the children are of inferior quality.

The **teacher** then, as has been said so often, is the vital point in the school system, and not necessarily the brilliant teacher, nor the highly educated teacher, but the teacher who can somehow or other develop a love on the part of the children for that which is good and fine in life, and in some way or other make him actually want to come to school and learn. Such a teacher's very presence in the school room, her attitude toward life from day to day, her treatment of the children, her views of the little things that continually come up in the school room are a silent and continuous force towards instilling in her charges right ways of thinking and of living in years to come.

No amount of previous training and education can produce a teacher of this sort. It is not what she has **learned to do,** nor what she **does,** but what she **is** that counts, and the whole question here lies in the matter of personality. Given the right sort of teacher in any school or school system, with the ideal personality, and no matter what the course of study may be, or the physical equipment of buildings, text books, etc., that school will live, and thrive, and visibly progress, while on the other hand teachers of undoubted educational equipment and training without this intangible quality to which we allude, can teach, literally **teach** a group of children for months, but **inspire** them never.

I believe that no pains should be spared to install in the schools of Reading a group of teachers of this sort, and with few exceptions, the town is fortunate in the number at present members of the teaching corps. Contrary to the practice and perhaps the opinion in many places, I believe that if a strong, earnest and skillful teacher is needed anywhere in the school system it is needed in the grades, especially the lowest grades.

The idea that a raise of salary must necessarily be dependent upon a promotion to a higher grade should be forgotten. The child receives his first and strongest impression upon his first introduction to the school system, and it is vitally important that those impressions should come from the teachers of the kindliest, broadest and most inspiring personality.

Such teachers can be secured, but they are equally desirable everywhere. Hundreds of superintendents are looking the ground over continually, for just such talent, and in order to compete with others, Reading must be able to offer salaries which will induce that sort of teacher to join our corps. It is my hope, therefore, that all the resources possible for such a town as this to give may be directed toward the strengthening of the teaching in the lower grades.

In conclusion, it is a pleasure for me to express my appreciation of the kindly and helpful spirit shown to me by he School Committee in these few months of service as Superintendent, the spirit of co-operation with which I have been met by the teachers, and the very fair and courteous treatment accorded me by the townspeople. The schools of Reading have been, and are in excellent condition. There is much to do, and in a town as alive and progressive in spirit as this is, much surely will be done in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. WATKINS

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Mr. H. T. Watkins, Superintendent of Schools, Reading, Mass.

Dear Sir : Inasmuch as the successful teaching of any subject depends,—first : upon a high aim; second : upon a logical course of study; third: upon definite lesson plans and directions to grade teachers,—I beg to offer in this my first report as Supervisor of Music in the schools of Reading, the aims and courses of study as applied to the teaching of the subject of music in the schools of Reading.

The general aims in music teaching may be phrased as follows:

To teach the language of music, its sounds and symbols for singing and reading, the mastery of which is shown in sight translation.

To develop the emotional nature by means of song interpretation, the result of which may be shown in singing or in written work

To develop the aesthetic sense by the study of proper tone production, beauty in melody and rhythm, beauty in symmetrical form, the result of which is shown in singing, in written work and in music analysis.

To develop a love for good music by the study of musical history and biography and the representative works of the great masters.

Thus music becomes a medium for the expression of emotion, exerts to the greatest degree its cultivating and refining influence upon life and character and promotes the ethical aims of education.

The following is a summary of the courses of study in music in the schools of Reading.

Grade I.

The major scale with syllables and numbers. Staff reading of simple melodies. The first principle in time, one tone to a beat represented by a quarter note. Rote songs. Their names with the representation, line, space, G clef, bar, double bar, measure.

Grade II.

More difficult melody in reading. Song singing. Review of the first principle in time extended to dotted half and whole notes. Individual singing. Written work.

Grade III.

Ability to read, at sight, difficult melody. Last half of year finding of the key note from any key signature. The second principle in time, two tones to a beat represented by two eighth notes. Rote songs. Individual singing. Written work.

Grade IV.

Names of the 15 major keys. Chromatic tones in simple progression using a sharp, flat and natural for the representation. Reading of six-eighth measure. The principle in time as represented by dotted quarter and eighth notes. Thorough review. Song interpretation. Simple musical terms of expression and tempo. Two part singing. Individual singing. Written work.

Grade V.

The more difficult progressions in chromatics. In time, the computation of note values. The theory of simple time. Song interpretation. Musical terms. Two part singing. Individual singing and written work.

Grade VI.

Position of sharps and flats in the signature. The use of five chromatic characters (sharp, flat, double sharp, double flat and natural) in singing and writing. The triplet, represented

by three eighth notes. The derivative form of the triplet represented by quarter and eighth notes. The theory of compound time. The principle in time, four equal tones to a beat represented by four sixteenth notes. The time principle as represented by dotted eighth and sixteenth notes. Song interpretation. Musical terms. Two part singing. Individual singing. Written work.

Grade VII.

Review. Syncopation. Song interpretation. Musical terms. Prescribed work in minor mode, scale building, etc. Three part singing. Individual singing and written work.

Grade VIII.

The bass clef. Reading the tenor part. Review in principles already presented. Song interpretation. Word reading. Three or four part singing. History and biography. Individual singing and written work.

Model lessons are frequently given by the Supervisor for the benefit of the regular grade teacher. Definite lesson plans are given for the presentation of each principle. The lesson plans are based upon the soundest pedagogic principles. Preparation—presentation—application.

To appreciate the power and beauty of music, the pupil must become familiar with well written music of various kinds, in selections that shall be interesting from his own point of view as well as admirable from that of the critical musician. By familiar association with such music and by wisely directed study of it the pupil's taste is cultivated and a love for good music is fostered.

The music material now in use in the schools of Reading provides a great variety of selections of that which is best in music, culled from the best available sources.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT EDMUND BROWN

January 17, 1910

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER

1909 TO 1910

Number of absences reported to me	75
Number found to be truancy	30
Number reported by parents as ill	22
Number reported insufficiently clad	3
Number kept out by parents to work or otherwise	20

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM KIDDER,

Truant Officer.

READING HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation Exercises

CLASS OF

. . 1909 . .

Wednesday Evening, June twenty = three, High School Hall

PROGRAM

PRAYER BY REV. E. B. MARSHALL

1 Our Trip to the Capital (Salutatory)
VERA YOUNG

2 Carroll Davidson Wright
† WILLIAM FLETCHER TWOMBLY

"The Lord is Great" from Athalie Mendelssohn

3 The Cruise of the Great Fleet
* HARLAN DANE EAMES

4 A New Departure in Municipal Housekeeping
† HILLMAN BARNES HUNNEWELL

a "Wind of the Sea" Clayton Johns
b "Old Folk Song" Harvey Worthington Loomis

5 The Road to Yesterday
* MARION JOHNSON PEASE

6 What Our Girls Need (Valedictory)
MARION LOUISE FLINT

"Damascus March" from Naaman Costa

Conferring of Diplomas
WALTER S. PARKER, Chairman of School Committee

Benediction
REV. FATHER LEE

* Class Honor
† Faculty Honor

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1909

COLLEGE COURSE

Davies, Dorothy
Doyle, Alberta Ruth
Flint, Marion Louise
Hamilton, Mildred Ethelyn
Libbey, Ruth Ardelia
Michelini, Claudia
Pease, Marion Johnson
Pecott, Edith Madeline
Robinson, Harold Carmi
Strout, Ethel Louise
Young, Vera

SCIENTIFIC COURSE

Black, Lawrence Kingston
Davis, Harold Francis
Hunnewell, Hillman Barnes
Surrette, Leo Augustus
Twombly, William Fletcher

GENERAL COURSE

Abbott, Lyman Ellsworth
Beebe, Helen Ruggles
Blair, Viola Edna
Campbell, Clara Louise
Cullinane, Ellen Frances
Davis, Charles Edwin
Doran, Phœbe Martha Hughes
Doucette, Florence Marguerite
Doucette, Frank Patrick
Eames, Harlan Dane
Eames, Ralph Gardner
Eaton, Helen Mildred
Flint, Clara Edith
Forbes, George Paul
Foote, Ward
Hopkinson, Marion Townsend
Johnson, Charlotte Stevenson
Leavitt, Lena Ethelda
McKenny, Louise Margaret
Nichols, Roy Richard
O'Brien, Christine Frances
Parker, Irene Frances
Ricker, Bessie May
Robertson, Rose Ella
Smith, Elizabeth Frances
Smith, Wilfred Benjamin
Stembridge, Alfred Reginald
Stevens, Thomas Winthrop
Upton, Harold Frances
Weafer, Helen Francis
Wells, Myrtle Delphine
Wickens, Bertha Louise

PUPILS GRADUATING FROM HIGHLAND SCHOOL
JUNE 24, 1909

GIRLS

Akerley, Mildred L.
Barrett, Mildred J.
Bokleman, Abby I.
Bond, Dorothy
Brown, Elsie M.
Buck, Edith A.
Butters, Ada M.
Canty, Katherine M.
Carleton, Margaret
Cummings, Grace
Desmond, Mary M.
Devaney, Mary E.
Doucette, Philomena O.
Fisher, Lottie M.
Flint, Grace D.
Florence, Grace M.
Gilman, Minerva G.
Hatch, Marie L.
Hatch, Miriam W.
Herbolzheimer, Jennie
Kershaw, Helen G.
Lamprey, Edna F.
Lang, Sylvia C.
McCoy, Annie E.
McLeod, Ruth R.
Morrison, Ruth H.
Muise, Mary I.
Navarro, Amelia M.
Nickerson, Joanna
Oliver, A. Marion
Parker, C. Lillian
Pease, Helen H.
Perry, Beatrice E.
Prentiss, Hilda C.
Quinlan, Helen G.
Randall, Maude F.
Rich, Marion A.
Riley, Ellen
Robinson, Mary E.
Rodden, Marion W.
Russell, Inez M.
Skillen, Dorothy B.
Squires, Emma
Squires, Regina
Stevens, Marion C.
Surette, Mary Frances
Tarbox, Doris G.
Thornton, Margaret
Thornton, Mary E.
Tucker, Amy F.
Turner, Dorothy B.
Turner, Mary G.
Turner, Seraphine
Twombly, Marion
Walls, Isabella
Young, Edna S.

BOYS

Babcock, Ernest G.
Bachelder, Albert J.
Badger, Clarence I.

Bolton, George B.
Charles, Warren F.
Currell, Harold B.
Colvin, John R.
Doran, Daniel
Doucette, Albert J.
Doucette, Frank E.
Duby, Arthur C.
Emery, Elmer L.
Freedman, George
Gibbons, Lawrence F.
Gray, Freeman M.
Hunnewell, Donald P.
Killam, Leonard A.
Killam, Phineas
Leach, Ernest H.
Lord, Edward R.
Loring, John Alden
Lougee, Harold F.
McKenney, Frank
McNeil, Hugh J.
Melonson, George
Newell, Harry R.
Nickerson, Frank M.
Nowell, Foster
Parker, Hubert F.
Parkins, William J.
Patrick, Herbert L.
Pendergrace, Frederick G.
Phelps, George W.
Pinkham, Carl W.
Pratt, Lyman E.
Putman, Chester A.
Remick, Nelson A.
Robinson, Gerald C.
Rodden, William H.
Shepardson, Robert
Staples, Malcolm L.
Stevens, Frank M.
Temple, Carroll W.
Townsend, H. Alfred

STATISTICS TAKEN FROM REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD IN APRIL, 1908, AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS

Sept. 1899	832
" 1900	853
" 1901	890
" 1902	915
" 1903	967
" 1904	938
" 1905	972
" 1906	1022
" 1907	997
" 1908	1005
" 1909	1029

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 7 AND 14 YEARS

Sept. 1899	648
" 1900	648
" 1901	680
" 1902	636
" 1903	682
" 1904	758
" 1905	698
" 1906	759
" 1907	723
" 1908	695
" 1909	737

Length of school year, 1908–1909	40 weeks
Number of days lost from stormy days, etc.	7
Actual length of school year	9 mos. 13 days
Number of different pupils enrolled for the year ending June, 1908	1237

Average number in each of the twelve grades for first four months of school year: —

Year	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Sp.	Total
1899	120	103	102	87	108	75	93	68	56	46	17	23	5	903
1900	127	136	66	107	89	98	66	82	49	37	36	14	0	907
1901	177	102	108	77	105	87	97	64	61	42	28	25	5	978
1902	142	126	90	86	117	98	100	70	56	64	34	21	4	1008
1903	127	114	103	104	86	109	97	93	63	61	53	31	9	1050
1904	129	131	116	116	95	91	109	86	79	61	53	54	4	1123
1905	129	118	130	124	105	104	88	100	85	76	45	48	4	1156
1906	118	129	109	127	120	100	93	100	88	72	63	42	5	1166
1907	120	110	150	114	123	109	96	110	78	82	58	50	6	1212
1908	123	111	120	128	97	138	97	118	92	75	75	47	5	1226
1909	133	113	118	124	119	93	116	108	110	79	68	62	7	1250

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, WHERE EDUCATED, YEAR WHEN APPOINTED

ALSO ENROLLMENT FOR FOUR MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 24, 1909

School	Grade	Teachers	Where Educated	Year First Appointed	Salary	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Cases of Dismissal
Highland		Alice Barrows, Principal	Bridgewater Normal	1899	1000	33					
"	VIII	Emma S. Page Ass't Principal	Bridgewater Normal	1899	650	33	32 2	30	93 5	39	6
"	VIII	Fannie C. Whittemore	N. H. State Normal, Hyannis	1905	600	38	37	35 6	96 1	21	10
"	VIII	Alice E. Hood		1902	600	37	36	32 3	89 6	64	8
"	VII	Lavinia S. Caimes	Lowell Normal	1907	600	40	38 6	36 9	89 5	89	12
"	VII	Bessie M. Parker	Salem Normal	1905	550	40	38 8	36 2	93	102	29
"	VII	Pearl M. Pillsbury	Newburyport Training School	1908	550	39	36 3	32 5	89 2	122	12
"	VI	Julia W. Floyd	Lowell Normal	1907	550	47	45 4	40 6	89 7	90	12
"	VI	Abbie M. Croscup		1909	500	47	46	40 1	86 8	72	27
"	V	Elsa R. Anderson	Lowell Normal	1908	500	42	40 1	37 7	92 6	57	10
"	V	M. Louise Robbins		1909	450	41	40 1	36 7	93 2	66	33
Center	III	M. Grace Wakefield, Principal	Salem Normal	1890	575	48	46 5	42 5	91 4	13	12
"	IV	Annie L. Donavan	Bridgewater Normal	1907	500	49	46 7	43 5	93 7	10	3
"	V	Mary V. Long		1909	475	38	36 9	35	94 8	4	4
"	IV	Ethel M. Flanders	Salem Normal	1905	500	48	46 8	44 1	94 7	16	7
"	III	Joyce M. Fielder	Salem Normal	1908	450	47	46 2	43 6	94 5	22	10
Union St.	II	Endora W. Gould, Principal	Farmington Normal	1907	575	43	40 7	36 5	89 6	59	9
" "	II	Anna B. Reid	Reading High School	1884	475	42	40 8	37 8	91 9	21	20
" "	I	Marion H. Morgan	Bridgewater Normal	1904	500	39	37 8	33 3	88 2	20	39
" "	I	Miriam P. Clark	Lowell Normal	1908	450	39	37 3	34 8	85 2	59	11
Prospect	I IV	Ada F. Dow, Principal	Lowell Normal	1909	500	53	49 8	45 8	92	21	15
"	III IV	Helen Knowlton	Lowell Normal	1909	450	41	39 9	36 3	90 3	34	24
Chestnut	I IV	Julia M. Noyes		1909	550	31	29 8	27 8	93 1	71	5
High	IX XII	H. T. Watkins, M. A.	Colby College, Principal	1903	2250	329	322 9	315 4	96 5	121	5
"		W. P. Raymond, A. B.	Brown University	1909	900						
"		Mary P. Gordon, A. B.	Mt. Holyoke College	1905	700						
"		Mabel A. Hayes, A. B.	Mt. Holyoke College	1907	750						
"		Alice Lombard	Bay Path Institute	1907	700						
"		Sara A. Quimby	Mt. Holyoke College	1909	600						
"		Helen Chapin	Mt. Holyoke College	1909	550						
"		Marion West	Boston University	1909	550						
"		Agnes Gilmore	Boston University	1909	550						
"		Reba M. Bush	Tufts College	1909	550						
"		Helen A. Taff	Radcliffe College	1908	600						
"		Marjorie Wheeler	Mt. Holyoke College	1909	550						

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriations :

General, for Superintendent, teachers janitors, fuel and transportation	$30,000 00	
Incidental	5,000 00	
Received from tuition	1,765 00	
Received from City of Boston	12 00	
Received from fines, sale of materials, etc.	49 85	
Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	200 50	
Received from refund on bill overpaid	6 65	
		$37,034 00

Expenditures

Paid for teachers, janitors and fuel	$28,932 00	
Paid for incidental expenses and repairs	2,741 91	
Paid for books and supplies	3,207 77	
Paid for Superintendent of Schools	1,066 64	
Paid for Transportation	1,088 00	
Total Expenditures		$37,034 92
Overdraft		2 32
General appropriation	$30,000 00	
Transferred from Incidentals	1,086 64	
		$31,086 64

Paid Superintendent	$ 1,066 64	
Paid teachers	23,451 33	
Paid janitors	2,997 75	
Paid for fuel	2,482 92	
Paid for transportation	1,088 00	
		$31,086 64

Appropriation for Incidentals	5,000 00	
Received from tuition	1,765 00	
Received from City of Boston	12 00	
Received from fines, sale of materials, etc.	49 85	
Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	200 50	
Received from refund on bill overpaid	6 65	
		$7,034 00
Paid to general account	$ 1,086 64	
Paid incidental expenses and repairs	2,741 91	
Paid for books and supplies	3,207 77	
		$7,034 92
Overdraft		2 32

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools :		
Melville A. Stone	$ 800 00	
Harry T. Watkins	266 64	
		$1,066 44

High School

H. T. Watkins	$2,222 90
Wm. R. Redden	171 89
Fred L. Reed	361 25
W. P. Raymond	360 00
Mary Lerner	459 38
Natalie A. Smith	378 75
Mary P. Gordon	708 75
L. Lucille Wheeler	367 50
Mabel A. Hayes	667 50
Ruth Buffum	322 50
Helen B. Flanders	367 50

Alice Lombard	647 50	
Helen A. Taff	561 56	
Sara A. Quimby	240 00	
Helen Chapin	220 00	
Marion West	275 00	
Marjorie Wheeler	220 00	
Agnes Gilmore	222 00	
Reba M. Bush	220 00	
Bertha M. Hains	45 00	
		$9,038 98

Highland School

Alice Barrows	$1,012 50	
Emma S. Page	658 12	
Edith A. Estes	201 37	
Fannie C. Whittemore	607 50	
Lavinia C. Cairns	606 37	
Amy A. Lapham	365 75	
Alice E. Hood	405 00	
Bessie M. Parker	541 56	
Julia M. Floyd	512 83	
Pearl M. Pillsbury	522 25	
Edna F. Wood	320 94	
Elizabeth G. E. King	275 62	
Abbie M. Croscup	200 00	
M. Louise Robbins	180 00	
		$6,409 81

Centre School

M. Grace Wakefield	$ 592 18	
Annie L. Donovan	437 44	
Mary V. Long	190 00	
Ethel M. Flanders	487 18	
Joyce M. Fielder	414 25	
		$2,121 05

Union Street School

Eudora W. Gould	$ 507 49	
Anna P. Reed	465 62	
Marion H. Morgan	486 94	
Miriam P. Clark	420 50	
		$1,880 55

Prospect St. School

Ada E. Dow	$200 00	
Helen Knowlton	129 00	
Josephine Drown	397 15	
Carolyn Spencer	273 09	
		$999 24

Chestnut Hill School

Marion F. Hall	$252 84	
Julia M. Noyes	220 00	
		$472 84

Lowell St.

Elsa R. Anderson	$473 93	
		$473 93

Special Teachers

Annie B. Parker	$455 62	
Albert E. Brown	546 25	
W. Firth Eastwood	607 50	
Eunice N. Bancroft	253 12	
		$1,862 49

Substitutes

Mrs. Anna Reck	$101 25
Mrs. Emma Bird	62 12
Mary Wiley	16 12
Grace L. Noyes	8 44

Marion Flint	2 63	
Alice Fernald	1 88	
		$192 44
		$23,451 33

Janitors

Clement Gleason	$889 50	
William Killam	792 00	
William Kidder	690 00	
Mrs. Ara Pratt	420 00	
Timothy Cummings	120 00	
Oscar Rounds	36 00	
Benj. Hartshorn	15 75	
Frank A. Butters	10 50	
Leo Doucette	24 00	
		$2,997 75

Fuel

Russell Co., The	$623 07	
Bancroft Wendell Co.	547 50	
Boston & Maine R. R.	790 53	
Hanscom, E. C.	150 34	
Martin, C. L. Co.	294 00	
Nelson, C. H.	72 75	
Rounds, Oscar H.	3 00	
Russell Co., The	623 05	
Seifert, Herman	1 75	
		$2,482 92

Transportation

B. & N. Street Railway Co.	$800 00	
Borthwick, James	288 00	
		$1,088 00
Books, supplies,repairs and incidentals		$5,948 28

Incidentals, Books, Supplies and Repairs

Adams, J. Q. & Co.	$46 00
Adams, Sweet Co	5 00
Allen Hall & Co., decorating	106 80
Allyn & Bacon, text books	45 67
American Book Co., books and supplies	191 25
American express Co., expressage	12 27
American Seating Co., new furniture	674 50
Appleton, D. & Co., text books	2 64
Atkinson, George H., supplies	14 90
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover, books and supplies	145 98
Babb, Edward E. & Co., books and supplies	596 94
Babcock, H. J., printing	8 60
Badger, Walker K., insurance	80 00
Badger, W. B. & Co., desks and chairs	24 00
Baird, A. F.	4 50
Bancroft, Lewis M., insurance	86 80
Barnard, F. J., rebinding books	313 76
Bay State Paper Co., paper	6 60
Bradshaw, Justin K. & Co., scrap books	3 50
Burgess, Robert, mason's work	8 00
Carpenter Morton Co.	23 10
Carter Rice & Co., paper	16 20
Chandler & Barber, hardware	16 44
Charities Pub. Co., books	3 50
Clapp, R. D., repairs	87 84
Condon, C. H.	10 72
Cook, A. S., supplies	57
Cummings' Express, carting, etc.	102 05
Dallman, H. I., supplies	111 50
Ditson, Oliver Co., music	13 50
Dodd, Mead & Co., encyclopedia	40 00
Eagle Pencil Co., pens and pencils	67 70

Eames, L. T., repairs	32 54
Edgerley & Bessom, rent of chairs	4 50
Eimer and Amend, chemical supplies	55 28
Electrical Goods Mfg. Co.	40
Farr Mfg. Co., cleansing compound	48 81
Fife, T. C., repairs	64 97
Francis Bros., repairs and supplies	132 46
Franklin, Albert B.	9 45
Ginn & Co., books	481 15
Gleason, Clement, labor	3 00
Gordon, A. J.	6 50
Greenough, W. S. & Co.	1 50
Hadley, Darius	6 50
Hanscom, E. C., carting and labor	111 25
Harris, F. Anstice, books	3 12
Heath, D. C. & Co., books	131 45
Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Co.	90
Houghton, Mifflin Co., books	13 73
Jackson, Charles J., reseating chairs	7 35
Johnson, H. W.,Manville Co., sweep com.	6 62
Johnson, Frank L., painting	35 00
Johnson, Mrs. H. L., repairing flag	75
Johnson, H. R., repairs	1 76
Kempton, W. H. Co., framing pictures	1 60
Kidder, William, truant officer	50 00
Knox & Morse, disinfectant	3 15
Knott, L. E. Apparatus Co., The, apparatus	36 77
Ladd, F. A., tuning pianos	4 50
Lambert, F. D., biological specimens	3 35
Library Bureau, office supplies	55 99
Lippincott, J. B. Co., books	84 50
Little Brown & Co., books	3 15
Lowe, O. H., police service	2 00
MacDonald, F. G., cheese cloth	18 60

Merrill, Chas. E. & Co., books	4 00
Metcalf, E. C., supplies	20
Milton, Bradley Co., supplies	91 82
Municipal Light Board, light	123 16
Murphy, J. A., repairing clock	5 50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	116 96
Park, H. L., mason's work	11 87
Parker & Page Co., lumber for Manual Training	104 90
Payson, Clara, number cards	3 00
People's Gas & Electric Co.	45 25
Pierce, George E., rent of chairs	6 00
Pratt, Daniel's Son, clock	8 00
Prentiss & Viall, insurance	110 70
Rand, McNally & Co., books	67 48
Reading Custom Laundry	10 65
Reading Water Works	155 19
Reed, F. L., biology supplies	2 98
Remington Typewriter Co., typewriters	50 00
Richmond, E. D., medical services	1 50
Rockport Fish Market, biology supplies	45
Scherber, John F., diplomas	47 00
Schoenhoff Book Co., The, books	1 50
Scribners, Chas. & Son	18 55
Silver, Burdett & Co., books	84
Smalley, F. L., medical services	43 00
Smith, A. A., taking census	50 00
Smith, L. C. & Bros., repairs on type	3 00
Standard Electric Time Co., repairs on clocks	74 32
Stewart & Robertson, repairs	96 39
Stock, John, cleaning cesspool	10 00
Stone, Melville A., traveling expenses	78 00
Studley, Edward H., engrossing	11 75
Talbot Chemical Co., tabo	15 00

Twombly, W. E. & J. F., printing	79 50	
Typewriter Exchange, The, supplies	5 80	
Wadsworth, Howland Co., supplies	9 00	
Wallace, F., supplies	12 81	
Ward, Samuel & Co., cards and supplies	14 85	
Watkins, H. T., expenses	40 70	
Weston & Emery	1 50	
Wheeler, L. Lucile, supplies	1 18	
White, Harold, labor	1 60	
Whittier, Irving, labor	4 00	
Winchester, G. A., drawing supplies	8 75	
Winchester, Town of, music	15 05	
Winchester Electrical Co., lights	44 00	
Winship, A. E., lecture fee	10 00	
Wood, W. A. Co.	9 30	
		$5,949 68

TWENTIETH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Water Commissioners

For the Year Ending December 31

1909

OFFICERS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, *Chairman* .	Term expires	1910
EDGAR N. HUNT	" "	1910
ARCHER R. PRENTISS . . .	" "	1910

Superintendent and Registrar

LEWIS M. BANCROFT

Engineer at Pumping Station

FRANK F. STROUT

Assistant Engineer

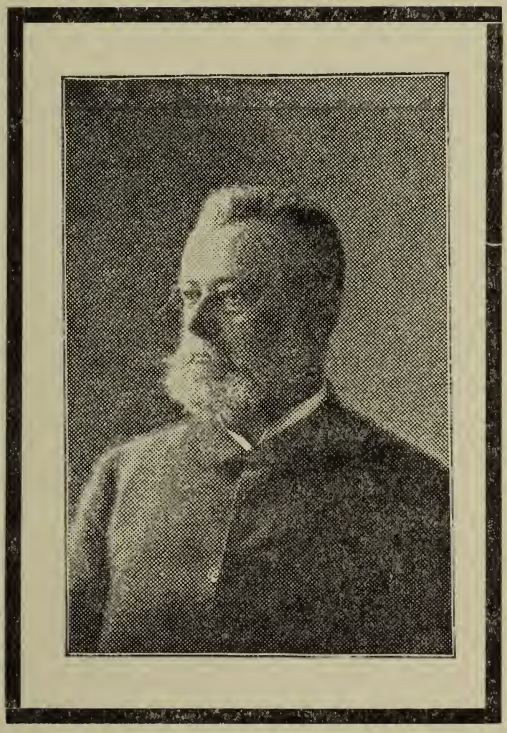
ALBION G. NICHOLS

OFFICE OF WATER BOARD

Room 2, Masonic Block

OFFICE HOURS

8.30 to 11 A.M., 2.30 to 4 P.M., except Saturday.
Saturday, 8.30 A.M. to 12 M., 7.30 to 9 P.M



E. HARLEY GOWING

Water Commissioner, Town of Reading, March 3, 1902 to Nov. 24, 1909.
Born July 10, 1853. Died Nov. 24, 1909.

REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Reading: —

The Board of Water Commissioners hereby submit their twentieth annual report.

MAINTENANCE

Received rent		$66 00
Fines and summons		21 85
Paid Pay Roll	$1,416 92	
Engineering Record	3 00	
Engineering News	5 00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	71 85	
Reading Masonic Temple Corp., rent	132 00	
Reading Municipal Light Board, lights	31 44	
N. E. Office Furniture Co., desk	26 00	
Cummings Express	1 50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	62 85	
Francis Bros.	3 04	
F. W. Barry, Beal & Co., stationery	7 39	
C. W. Abbott, P. M., stamps and envelopes	53 33	
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co., rubber stamps	2 04	
The Bristol Co., dials	3 02	
C. W. Smith, copying deeds	6 00	
John Wiley & Sons, books	11 70	
Union Safe Deposit Vaults	10 00	
Adams, Cushing & Foster, order book	13 75	
Insurance on safe	21 00	
Car fares	22 60	
Addressograph Co., rubber type	3 21	
A. W. Danforth, oil	1 00	
Balance		1,820 79
	$1,908 64	$1,908 64

PUMPING STATION MAINTENANCE

Received rent of house		$180 00
Received for grass sold		5 00
Received for telephones		1 80
Received for old boiler		30 00
Paid Pay Roll	$1,282 40	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	47 40	
Reading Municipal Light Board	23 32	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	269 28	
Cummings Express	7 45	
W. A. Jepson & Co., coal	55 25	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., oil and packing	107 78	
John Stock, teaming coal	122 33	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co.	1 95	
Insurance	$62 62	
Spencer Damper Regulator Co.	1 50	
Asa Parker, teaming coal	30 15	
Crosby Steam Gauge & Valve Co.	50 25	
C. H. Sprague & Son, coal	149 87	
Maryland Coal & Coke Co., coal	301 39	
Geo. B. Griffiths, teaming coal	24 96	
Francis Bros.	26 71	
Waldo Bros., fire clay	1 35	
Fred F. Stockwell, assignee, boiler repairs	169 20	
C. L. Martin Co., teaming coal	44 51	
Edward M. Alden, coal	153 30	
Eastern Clay Goods Co., fire brick	17 60	
Town of North Reading, taxes	1 55	
Robert P. Burgess, labor	2 00	
Hodson Bros., painting and paper hanging	88 04	
Anderson Coal Mining Co., coal	75 70	
P. F. O'Neil, topping out chimney	58 80	
L. T. Eames, electric switch	1 90	

Wendell Bancroft & Co., lumber	$9 85	
M. H. O'Brien, labor on boiler furnaces	11 50	
Scrannage Bros., brass castings	2 85	
Clark & Butterworth, patterns	80	
American Express Co.	90	
E. L. Buckminster, fertilizer	1 75	
Car fares	1 65	
Recording plan	1 00	
Balance		$2,992 06
	$3,208 86	$3,208 86

MAINTENANCE OF FILTERS

Paid Pay Roll	$877 25	
Norwood Engineering Co., sand	27 50	
F. W. Hunt & Co., alcohol	2 85	
F. B. Witherly, castings	2 63	
Cummings Express	30 95	
Waldo Bros., lime	238 44	
Robert Spurr Weston, chemicals	2 50	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., packing	3 57	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	68 58	
Francis Bros.	1 28	
Leclanche Battery Co.	4 85	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co.	1 34	
Harrison Bros., alum	477 42	
E. C. Hanscom, teaming	12 23	
New Lawrence Machine Co., pump shaft	3 25	
American Express	75	
F. W. Barry, Beal & Co., record books	2 40	
Car fares	1 20	
Belt rivets	1 10	
Cotton duck	45	
		$1,760 54

MAINTENANCE OF METERS

Paid Pay Roll	$273 00		
Cummings Express	90		
Thompson Meter Co., repairs	10 80		
Hersey Mfg. Co., repairs	18 45		
National Meter Co., repairs	23 74		
Geo. B. Griffiths, horse hire	5 50		
Geo. H. Atkinson Co.	60		
American Express Co.	30		
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	48		
		$333	77

MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE PIPES

Paid Pay Roll	$20 25		
Geo. B. Griffiths, horse hire	1 50		
		$21	75

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN PIPE

Received for repairs, 1908		$45	16
Paid Pay Roll	$32 75		
Balance	12 41		
	$45 16	$45	16

PAINTING STAND PIPE

Paid American Express Co.	$ 20		
Car fares	2 25		
Cummings Express	2 85		
Pay roll	250 68		
Geo. B. Griffiths, horse hire	3 00		
P. F. O'Neil, labor	260 00		
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., paint	57 91		
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings	2 95		
Edward Smith & Co., paint	75 00		
Reading Municipal Light Board, light	42 76		
A. W. Chesterton & Co., steel brushes	6 00		
Francis Bros., oil and brushes	9 82		
W. W. Clarke, horse hire	5 00		
		$718	42

INTEREST

Received interest on deposits		$74 80
" accrued interest on bonds sold		74 22
" hydrant rent		5,040 00
" for water for drinking fountains		300 00
" for water for street sprinkling		500 00
" from receipts for water		1,635 98
Paid interest on note	$325 00	
Interest on bonds	7,300 00	
	$7,625 00	$7,625 00

EXPERIMENTAL WELLS

Paid Paid Roll	$23 50	
William S. Johnson, engineer	88 50	
		$112 00

FILTERS

Paid Pay Roll	$16 12	
Boston Bolt Co., bolts	2 48	
Car fares	70	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, advertising	2 00	
Cummings Express	15	
		$21 45

MAIN PIPE

Paid Boston & Maine R. R., freight	$529 98	
Cummings Express	3 59	
E. C. Hanscom, teaming	53 48	
Pay Roll	258 75	
H. Mueller Mfg. Co., fittings	18 60	
Antonio Michelini, pipe laying	1,942 27	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., gates and hydrants	714 16	
Lynchburg Foundry Co., pipe	1,609 36	
Builders' Iron Foundry, specials	204 80	
George B. Griffiths, horse hire	10 00	

Francis Bros.	$ 71	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., pig lead	20 24	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., packing	6 18	
James A. Bancroft, surveying	5 00	
Charles Millar & Son Co., pipe	900 62	
Water Works Equipment Co., fittings and tools	369 30	
Car fares	3 70	
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools	12 30	
		$6,663 04

SERVICE PIPES

Received for pipe laid		$1,092 77
Paid Pay Roll	$1,111 66	
T. C. Fife, fittings	11 00	
George H. Atkinson Co.	4 07	
George B. Griffiths, horse hire	221 00	
H. Mueller Mfg. Co., tools and fittings	157 13	
Cummings Express	5 05	
Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe and fittings	130 80	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	9 21	
Braman, Dow & Co., pipe	397 95	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., valves	29 88	
E. M. Dart Mfg. Co., Dart stops	55 20	
L. W. Dickinson, painting	15 00	
Ledder & Probet, leveling rod	11 00	
Frank Winn, leathering wagon	2 25	
P. J. Seaman, repairs on wagon	1 50	
Harold L. Bond Co., tools	3 45	
A. D. Gordon, rubber boots	4 00	
Lead Lined Iron Pipe Co., pipe and fittings	338 86	
Francis Bros.	6 93	
Antonio Michelini, labor	18 15	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., lead pipe	2 91	
Hays Mfg. Co., service boxes	6 49	

W. W. Clarke, horse hire	$27 50	
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools	42 92	
Tenney, Morse & Co., pipe	45 16	
Edson Mfg. Co.	2 12	
American Express Co.	2 55	
J. J. Cameron, harness repairs	75	
Balance		1,571 72
	$2,664 49	$2,664 49

METERS

Received for meter sold		$50 00
Paid Pay Roll	$18 00	
Cummings Express	1 30	
H. Mueller Mfg. Co., fittings	8 10	
Pittsburg Meter Co., meters	50 00	
National Meter Co., meters	450 00	
Hersey Mfg. Co., meters	30 00	
Meter Appliance Co., meter box covers	75 00	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	1 53	
American Express Co.	35	
Balance		584 28
	$634 28	$634 28

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash balance from 1908	$249 67
Interest on deposits	74 80
Accrued interest on bonds sold	74 22
Hydrant rent	5,040 00
Water for drinking fountains	300 00
Water for street sprinkling	500 00
Appropriation for pipe, Haven street	860 00
Meter rates	13,813 55
Fines and summons	21 85
Rent	246 00

Service pipe		$1,092 77
Grass and sundry sales		6 80
Bonds sold		4,350 00
Boiler sold		30 00
Meter sold		50 00
Main pipe repairs		45 16
Paid interest on note	$325 00	
Interest on bonds	7,300 00	
Maintenance	1,908 64	
Pumping station maintenance	3,208 86	
Filter maintenance	1,760 54	
Service pipe maintenance	21 75	
Main pipe maintenance	32 75	
Meter maintenance	333 77	
Painting stand pipe	718 42	
Meters	634 28	
Filters	21 45	
Experimental wells	112 00	
Main pipe	6,663 04	
Service pipe	2,664 49	
Bonds	1,000 00	
Cash on hand	49 83	
	$26,754 82	$26,754 82

SUMMARY OF COST OF PLANT

Reported last year	$309,623 57	
Main pipes	6,663 04	
Service pipes	1,571 72	
Meters	584 28	
Filters	21 45	
Experimental wells	112 00	
		$318,576 06

The Board recommends that $5,370 be raised and appropriated for hydrant rental, that $300 be raised and appropriated for water for drinking fountains, and that $500 be raised and appropriated for water for street sprinkling.

The interest payable the current year amounts to $7,905, as follows: —

$186,000 for one year . . .	$7,440 00
7,000 for six months . . .	140 00
10,000 for one year . . .	325 00
	$7,905 00

Last October the Board advertised for bids for the construction of the new filters. When the bids were opened the Norwood Engineering Company of Florence, Mass., were the lowest bidders, and after looking them up thoroughly as to their responsibility, the contract was let to them, to be finished on or before April first, same to be constructed as per specifications furnished. At the present time the work is well under way, and your Board is quite certain that the Town is going to receive a greatly increased benefit.

HENRY R. JOHNSON,
EDGAR N. HUNT,
ARCHER R. PRENTISS,
Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF WATER REGISTRAR

Amount of water bills rendered in 1909		$13,943 67
Amount collected and paid Treasurer	$13,349 32	
Amount uncollected	510 91	
Amount abated	83 44	
	$13,943 67	$13,943 67

Amount of 1907 bills uncollected		$398 83
Amount of 1908 bills uncollected		877 25
Amount collected and paid Treasurer	$464 28	
Amount uncollected	233 29	
Amount abated	578 51	
	$1,276 08	$1,276 08

Service pipe bills rendered in 1909		$1,082 25
Service pipe bills rendered previous years		292 46
Amount collected and paid Treasurer	$1,092 77	
Amount charged off	53 85	
Amount uncollected	228 09	
	$1,374 71	$1,374 71

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, Registrar.

Reading, Jan. 17, 1910.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Reading Water Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN: The twentieth annual report of the Superintendent is submitted for the year ending December 31, 1909.

The extension of mains has been five thousand seven hundred forty and two-tenths feet of six inch pipe, as follows: Haven street, 556 feet; Summer avenue, 732.5 feet; West street, 314.7 feet; South street, 3724.3 feet; Prospect street extension, 412.7 feet. Six hydrants and eight gates have been set in the above named streets.

About one thousand one hundred twenty-four feet of eight inch pipe and three hundred feet of six inch pipe and five hydrants have been put in for fire protection at the new Sanford mill, the cost of which will be paid by that company.

There have been no leaks in the main pipes during the year. All hydrants have been kept in good repair.

STAND PIPE

The stand pipe was painted in October and is now in good condition.

SERVICE PIPES

There have been thirty-four services put in and one discontinued during the year, making thirteen hundred and forty-four in the system. Six service leaks have been repaired, two caused by electrolytic action, two by bad solder joints and two by broken pipe.

The following table will show amount of service pipe in use:

	6 Inch Cast Iron	1½ Inch Galvanized	1¼ Inch Enamelled	1¼ Inch Brass	1¼ Inch Galvanized	1 Inch Galvanized	1½ Inch Lead Lined	1 Inch Lead Lined	¾ Inch Lead Lined	1 Inch Cement Lined	¾ Inch Cement Lined	2 Inch Galvanized	¾ Inch Galvanized	¾ Inch Lead
Owned by the Town	...	483	33.7	30.1	16565.0	229.7	30.8	887.2	23385.5	367.1	9889.8	1649.3	1644.2	...
Owned by individuals	814	547	123.0	66.0	1487.7	1202.7	89.4	73.0	25203.1	78.0	12431.2	389.6	1939.7	15.
Total	814	1030	156.7	96.1	18052.7	1432.4	120.2	960.2	48588.6	445.1	22321.0	2083.9	3583.9	15.

The following kinds and sizes of meters are in use:

No.	Name	Sizes					
		2 in.	1½ in.	1¼ in.	1 in.	¾ in.	⅝ in.
84	Crown	3	...	...	2	2	77
731	Nash	...	5	...	5	2	719
200	Empire	1	...	...	...	...	199
1	Gem	1	...	...	...	...	...
40	Lambert	...	...	...	2	...	38
12	Thompson	1	...	...	1	...	10
6	Worthington Disc	...	...	...	...	...	6
118	Hersey Disc	1	6	...	7	...	104
2	Neptune	...	...	...	...	...	2
10	Union Rotary	3	1	...	2	...	4
6	King	...	...	...	...	...	6
28	Columbia	...	...	...	...	...	28
1	Niagara	...	...	...	...	...	1
3	Keystone	...	...	2	...	...	1
1,242		10	12	2	19	4	1,195

YEARLY RECORD OF PUMPING SERVICE

From Jan. 1, 1909, to Jan. 1, 1910

Month	No. Days	Hrs.	Min.	Gallons Pumped	Total Head	Pounds Coal	Rain-fall
January	31	142	..	4,949,081	219	47,283	4.17
February	28	134	15	4,404,488	.....	40,927	5.33
March	31	167	..	5,291,909	.....	48,392	3.57
April	30	150	30	4,754,435	.....	39,986	3.95
May	31	171	30	5,462,834	.....	45,569	1.97
June	30	237	15	7,021,750	.....	55,178	2.14
July	31	229	..	6,833,488	.....	53,316	3.59
August	31	211	30	6,415,205	.....	49,239	2.75
September	30	176	45	5,449,820	.....	42,203	3.74
October	31	655	30	6,627,896	.....	65,815	1.23
November	30	176	15	5,248,606	.....	43,686	4.06
December	31	187	45	5,460,492	.....	48,655	3.60
	365	2,639	15	67,920,004	219	580,249	40.10

Table Showing Consumption in Gallons for Various Purposes, 1909

Domestic use, manufacturing and trade purposes, metered	42,083,496
Domestic use, unmetered (estimated)	1,610,000
Drinking fountains	7,199,950
Street sprinkling (estimated)	6,500,000
Amount used at one fire	367,434
Total accounted for	57,760,880
Amount unaccounted for	10,159,124
Total pumped	67,920,004
Percentage of water pumped accounted for	85
Percentage of water pumped unaccounted for	15
Percentage of water pumped metered	61.9

Cost of Maintenance and Revenue

	Amount	Cost per 1000 Gallons pumped
Interest on bonds	$6,725 00	.099
Management and repairs	2,882 32	.0424
Pumping station maintenance	2,992 06	.0441
Filter maintenance	1,760 54	.0259
		Received per 1,000 gallons pumped
Receipts from water takers	$13,813 55	.2033
Total receipts	20,662 57	.3423

Table showing amount of rain and melted snow for the year ending Dec. 31, 1909:

Day of Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Day of Month
1	....	....	....	..	.42	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
2	....	....	.29	....	.12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
3	....	....	....	....	....	....	.68	....	.43	....	....	....	3
4	.26	....	.19	....	.03	....	....	....	....	....	.58	....	4
5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.56	....	....	....	....	5
6	.87	....	....	....	....	.83	....	.05	.36	....	....	....	6
7	....	....	....	.24	.13	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7
8	....	....	....	....	....	....	.07	....	....	....	....	45	8
9	....	....	....	.16	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9
10	....	1.44	.40	....	....	.02	....	....	....	....	....	....	10
11	....	.24	....	....	.12	.30	....	....	....	....	.02	....	11
12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.52	.09	....	....	12
13	.39	.02	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	13
14	.03	....	....	.07	....	.31	....	....	....	.30	....	1.76	14
15	.19	....	....	1.28	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15
16	....	.80	....	....	.17	....	....	.03	....	....	....	....	16
17	....	.17	....	.02	.08	....	1.77	.30	....	....	.04	....	17
18	1.07	....	....	....	.04	.37	....	1.73	.20	.04	....	....	18
19	....	....	....	....	....	....	.34	....	....	....	....	....	19
20	....	.87	.15	.18	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20
21	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.06	....	....	....	....	21
22	....	....	....	.31	.35	....	....	....	....	.41	....	....	22
23	....	....	....	....	.11	....	....	.02	....	....	....	....	23
24	.22	1.01	....	.53	....	....	....	....	....	.24	....	....	24
25	.73	.78	.40	....	....	.08	.73	....	.49	.15	....	....	25
26	....	....	1.72	.03	....	....	....	....	.52	....	3.27	....	26
27	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1.39	27
28	....	....	.42	.88	.39	.23	....	....	.75	....	....	....	28
29	.02	....	....	....	.01	....	....	....	.47	....	.15	....	29
30	....	....	....	.25	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30
31	.39	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	31
	4.17	5.33	3.57	3.95	1.97	2.14	3.59	2.75	3.74	1.23	4.06	3.60	

The average rainfall in Massachusetts is 45.29 inches. The rainfall at the Reading Pumping Station was 40.10 inches, making a deficiency of 5.19 inches. There was an excess of rainfall in January, February, April, September and November of 2.62 inches, and a deficiency in March, May, June, July, August, October and December of 7.81 inches.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Analysis of Water from Reading Water Works

Parts in 100,000

No.	Date of		Appearance			Odor		Residue on Evaporation	Ammonia		Chlorine	Nitrogen as		Oxygen Consumed	Hardness	Iron	
	Collection	Examination	Turbidity	Sediment	Color	Cold	Hot		Free	Albuminoid		Nitrates	Nitrites				
	1909	1909															
76133	Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Slight	Cons.	Fil. .40	None	None	10.60	.0132	.0088	1.35	.0040	.0000	.37	3.0	.3600	Filter Gallery
76134	Jan. 12	Jan. 13	None	None	Fil. .21	None	None	16.10	.0056	.0072	1.36	.0040	.0004	.21	8.4	.0260	Filter Weir
76654	Feb. 16	Feb. 17	Very Slight	Slight	.62	V. F. Woody	F. Woody	10.40	.0120	.0090	1.08	.0030	.0000	.27	3.3	.2600	Filter Gallery
76655	Feb. 16	Feb. 17	V. Slight	V. Slight	.25	None	None	16.50	.0050	.0074	1.14	.0020	.0005	.21	8.0	.0380	Filter Weir
77056	Mar. 16	Mar. 17	Decided	Cons.	.60	F. Unpleas.	F. Unpleas.	8.40	.0106	.0106	.99	.0000	.0001	.45	3.6	.2300	Filter Gallery
77057	Mar. 16	Mar. 17	None	None	.25	None	F. Unpleas.	14.70	.0050	.0080	1.02	.0010	.0004	.31	8.6	.0200	Filter Weir
77539	Apr. 20	Apr. 21	Slight	Cons. iron	Fil. .60	F. Woody	F. Woody	7.90	.0108	.0132	.99	.0000	.0001	.64	3.3	.2200	Filter Gallery
77540	Apr. 20	Apr. 21	Slight milky	Slight iron	.10	None	None	11.40	.0066	.0062	.99	.0000	.0002	.22	5.6	.0300	Filter Weir
78032	May 18	May 20	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Fil. .85	F. Unpleas.	F. Unpleas.	8.10	.0118	.0172	1.03	.0010	.0000	.84	2.6	.2000	Filter Gallery
78033	May 18	May 20	None	V. Slight	.33	None	None	16.40	.0052	.0116	1.02	.0010	.0002	.46	10.6	.0160	Filter Weir
78585	June 22	June 23	Decided iron	Slight iron	Fil. 1.00	V. F. Woody	V. F. Woody	9.20	.0138	.0208	1.18	.0030	.0000	1.02	2.3	.1400	Filter Gallery
78586	June 22	June 23	None	None	.40	None	V. F. Woody	18.80	.0088	.0130	1.20	.0010	.0005	.48	9.0	.0120	Filter Weir
79220	July 21	July 22	Decided	Slight	Fil. .54	None	None	9.60	.0146	.0120	2.35	.0000	.0000	.64	3.5	.1900	Filter Gallery
79221	July 21	July 22	V. Slight	Slight	Fil. .28	F. Vegetable	F. Vegetable	19.10	.0068	.0072	2.16	.0010	.0008	.42	13.0	.0140	Filter Weir
80003	Aug. 24	Aug. 25	Decided	Cons.	T'bid .72	V. F. Woody	F. Woody	12.00	.0194	.0128	2.80	.0000	.0000	.60	3.9	.2800	Filter Gallery
80004	Aug. 24	Aug. 25	None	None	.35	None	V. F. Un.	21.70	.0014	.0104	2.90	.0000	.0009	.41	13.0	.0110	Filter Weir
80802	Sept. 24	Sept. 27	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Fil. .65	None	V. F. Woody	11.80	.0208	.0114	3.06	.0010	.0000	.45	3.3	.2400	Filter Gallery
80803	Sept. 24	Sept. 27	None	None	.27	None	None	21.30	.0158	.0102	3.35	.0010	.0011	.37	9.4	.0090	Filter Weir
81446	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Fil.	V. F. Un.	V. F. Un.	11.50	.0218	.0146	2.84	.0000	.0000	.96	2.6	13600	Filter Gallery
81447	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	None	None	.37	V. F. Un	V. F. Un.	20.40	.0060	.0120	2.99	.0020	.0011	.52	9.4	.0180	Filter Weir
82101	Nov. 18	Nov. 23	Decided iron	Cons. iron	T'bid .55	V. F. Woody	F. Woody	12.30	.0196	.0168	2.86	.0010	.0000	.60	3.0	.3000	Filter Gallery
82102	Nov. 18	Nov. 23	None	None	.28	None	None	19.90	.0100	.0112	2.78	.0020	.0009	.42	13.5	3100	Filter Weir
82743	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Slight	Slight	.57	None	V. F. Woody	12.10	.0136	.0154	2.07	.0030	.0001	.61	3.0	.2300	Filter Gallery
82744	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	V. Slight	None	.35	None	None	17.00	.0080	.0128	2.13	.0040	.0006	.44	8.9	.0380	Filter Weir

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1909

In form recommended by the New England Water Works Association

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Reading Water Works

Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population by Census of 1905, 5,682.

Date of construction, 1890 and 1891.

By whom owned, Town of Reading.

Source of supply, filter gallery.

Mode of supply (whether gravity or pumping), pumping.

PUMPING STATISTICS

1. Builders of Pumping Machinery, George F. Blake Mfg. Co.

2. Description of fuel used
   - *a.* Kind, coal.
   - *b.* Brand of coal, bituminous.
   - *c.* Average price of coal per gross ton, delivered, $4.75.
   - *d.* Percentage of ash.
   - *e.* Wood, price per cord, $

3. Coal consumed for the year, 580,249 pounds.

4. [Pounds of wood consumed] divided by three equals equivalent of coal, lbs.

4*a*. Amount of other fuel used,

5. Total equivalent coal consumed for the year equals (3) plus (4), lbs.

6. Total pumpage for the year, 67,920,004 gallons, with allowance for slip.
7. Average static head against which pumps work, 219 feet.
8. Average dynamic head against which pumps work, 240 feet.
9. Number of gallons pumped per pound of equivalent coal (5), 117.
10. Duty equal $\frac{\text{gallons pumped (6) x 8.34 (lbs.) x 100 x dynamic head (8)}}{\text{Total fuel consumed (5)}}$ equals 23,429,369.

    Cost of pumping, figured on pumping station expenses, viz: $2,992.06.
11. Per million gallons pumped, $44.05.
12. Per million gallons raised one foot (dynamic), $0.183.

Receipts				Expenditures			
Balance brought forward:				*Water Works Maintenance:*			
(*a*) From ordinary (maintenance) receipts			$249 67	AA. Operation (management and repairs)		$7,266 31	
(*b*) From extraordinary receipts (bonds, etc.)				BB. Special:			
				Painting stand pipe		718 42	
Total			$249 67	CC. Total maintenance			$7,984 73
From Water Rates:				DD. Interest on bonds (CC plus DD)		15,609 73	7,625 00
A. Fixture rates				EE. Payment of bonds			1,000 00
B. Meter rates	$13,813 55			*Water Works Construction:*			
C. Total from consumers		13,813 55		GG. Extension of mains	6,663 04		
D. For hydrants	5,040 00			HH. Extension of services	2,664 49		
E. For fountains	300 00			II. Extension of meters	634 28		
F. For street watering	500 00			JJ. Special:			
I. General appropriation	860 00			Experimental wells	112 00		
J. Total from municipal departments		6,700 00		Filters	21 45		
L. From bond issue		4,350 00		KK. Total construction			10,095 26
M. From other sources:				Total balance			49 83
Rent, interest, etc.		548 83					
Service pipes		1,092 77					
N. Total		$26,754 82		N. Total			$26,754 82

DISPOSITION OF BALANCE — Carried to New Account

O.	Net cost of works to date	$318,576 06
P.	Bonded debt at date	189,000 00
Q.	Value of Sinking Fund at date.	
R.	Average rate of interest, 4 per cent.	

STATISTICS OF CONSUMPTION OF WATER

1. Estimated total population at date, 5,760.
2. Estimated population on lines of pipe, 5,685.
3. Estimated population supplied, 5,300.
4. Total consumption for the year, 67,920,004 gallons.
5. Passed through meters, 42,083,496 gallons.
6. Percentage of consumption metered, 61.9.
7. Average daily consumption, 186,082 gallons.
8. Gallons per day to each inhabitant, 32.3.
9. Gallons per day to each consumer, 35.1.
10. Gallons per day to each tap, 138.3.
11. Cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance (item C C), $117.54.
12. Total cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance plus interest on bonds, $229.82.

STATISTICS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Mains

1. Kind of pipe, cast iron.
2. Sizes, from 6 inch to 12 inch.
3. Extended, 5,740.2 feet during year.
4. Discontinued, 0 feet during year.
5. Total now in use, 31,280 miles.
6. Cost of repairs per mile, $1.04.
7. Number of leaks per mile, none.
8. Length of pipes less than 4 inches diam., 0 miles.
9. Number of hydrants added during year (public and private), 11.
10. Number of hydrants (public and private) now in use, 179.
11. Number of stop gates added during year, 10.
12. Number of stop gates now in use, 280.

13. Number of stop gates smaller than 4-inch, 0.
14. Number of blow offs, 14.
15. Range of pressure on mains, 63 lbs. to 78 lbs.

SERVICES

16. Kind of pipe, cast iron, lead and cement lined.
17. Sizes, $\frac{3}{4}$ to 6 inches.
18. Extended, 3407.2 feet.
19. Discontinued, 377.8 feet.
20. Total now in use, 18.8137 miles.
21. Number of service taps added during year, 34; discontinued, 1.
22. Number now in use, 1,344.
23. Average length of service, 87.1 feet.
24. Average cost of service for the year, $78.36.
25. Number of meters added, 51.
26. Number now in use, 1,242.
27. Percentage of services metered,
28. Percentage of receipts from metered water (B divided by C.)
29. Number of motors and elevators added, 0.
30. Number now in use, 0.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, Superintendent.

Reading, Jan. 31, 1910.

REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation			$1,000 00
Proceeds of Dog Tax, 1908			682 01
EXPENSES			
Rent:			
Odd Fellows' Building Association		$600 00	
Salaries:			
Bertha L. Brown, librarian	$325 00		
Bertha L. Brown, expenses	30 00		
Grace I. Abbott, assistant	35 38		
C. H. Stinchfield (and wife), janitor	45 33		
		$435 71	
Books:			
Old Corner Bookstore, Inc.	$268 88		
C. E. Lauriat Co.	50 00		
H. M. Meek Co.	3 00		
N. Y. & N. E. Publishing Co.	35 00		
Balch Bros. Co.	2 35		
A. J. Gordon	3 25		
		$362 48	
Periodicals:			
M. F. Charles	$58 95		
H. W. Wilson Co.	22 00		
		$80 95	
Sundries:			
Municipal Light Board, lighting	$38 52		
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	44 25		
Library Bureau, supplies	7 75		
F. D. Sperry, carpeting	35 40		
Francis Bros.	2 20		
Insurance	75 00		
		$203 12	
Overdrawn			25
		$1,682 26	$1,682 26

FINE ACCOUNT

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1909 . . .	$97 99	
Received from fines, sale of catalogues, cards, etc.	65 64	
		$163 63
Paid for bookbinding	$61 84	
Expressage	4 92	
Books and periodicals . . .	10 35	
Small supplies	9 16	
		$86 27
Balance		$77 36

During the year 366 volumes have been added to the library; 313 by purchase and 53 by gift. On the first of January, 1909, the library contained 11,354 volumes. During the year 40 volumes have become worn out, and have not been replaced. The net gain, therefore, was 326 volumes, making the total number in the library at the close of the year, or December 31, 1909, 11,680 volumes. The circulation for the year was 18,176 volumes, the largest circulation in any single month being 1,865, during March; and the smallest, 1,301, during August. The librarian reports that the number of card holders registered since June, 1908, is 1,420.

The circulation is not so great as it should be, and we particularly call the attention of our citizens to the facilities afforded for instructive and recreative reading. We believe that many persons who are not now card holders would become patrons of the library if they were acquainted with what it contains. Any person who wishes to select a book by directly examining the shelves will be given an opportunity to do so, upon application to the librarian, and although there are doubtless many volumes in the collection that have become somewhat out of date on account of the lapse of time since they were purchased, nevertheless there is a well selected supply of recent and timely publications in the various departments of literature, always available. The purchases of the present year

include important books in history, biography, travel, and upon the questions of the day. The best novels have been bought, and there are many works for young readers among the recent accessions. The teachers in our public schools are especially invited to become familiar with what the library offers, and we will gladly co-operate with them in providing books for the use of their pupils. Suggestions for purchase are welcomed, and books requested will be purchased if within our resources.

We recommend that the sum of $1,000 be raised and appropriated, in addition to the appropriation of the dog tax, for the support of the library during the coming year. It has been suggested, and the librarian endorses the suggestion, that the service hours of the library be extended by opening on every week day. If this were done the expense for salaries would be somewhat increased. We desire to meet the wishes of the patrons of the library in this extension of opening, if there is a general demand for it; and suggest that if it is wanted an additional fifty dollars, at least, should be appropriated.

We commend the attention given by the librarian during the year to the administration of the library. Her interest in her work has not been perfunctory, and her fidelity should be acknowledged here.

The terms of Messrs. Wadlin and Manning expire with the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE G. WADLIN, Chairman,
CYRUS M. BARROWS, Secretary,
J. WOODWARD MANNING,
HENRY C. PARKER,
GRACE F. TWOMBLY,
MARION F. DAVIES,
Trustees.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1909.

TREASURER'S REPORT, TOWN OF READING

Dr.

Jan., 1909, To Cash Balance on hand from 1908 Report		$1,351 40
"	Town of Andover	6 85
"	Town of North Reading, Tuition	720 00
"	H. M. Viall, Collector, Redemption Tax	353 16
"	Cemetery Account, Sale of Lots No. 766 and 793	95 00
"	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Outside Poor	132 43
"	City of Cambridge, Outside Poor	169 12
"	Overseers of the Poor, Town Home	156 65
"	Middlesex County, Dog License, 1908	682 01
"	H. M. Viall, Collector, Tax Levy, 1907	4,475 00
"	Merrick A. Stone, Collector, Tax Levy, 1908	6,975 00
"	Estate of Eliza A. Barrows, Cemetery Bequest	100 00
"	Rachel A. Coggin, Cemetery Bequest	50 00
"	Moth Department	20 25
"	Frank W. Parker, Sealer Weights and Measures	21 81
"	Fire Department, Telephone Tolls	75
"	Selectmen, License Fees	5 00
To Interest on Deposits, First National Bank		27 44
		$15,341 87

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By Payment of Selectmen's Orders No.'s 1 to 78 inclusive	$14,508 59
March 1st, By Balance Cash on Hand	833 28
	$15,341 87

Edward F. Parker,
Treasurer.

Reading, Mass., March 1st, 1909.

DR. TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE

March 1, 1909, To Cash Balance from Edward F. Parker		$833 28
To cash, Commonwealth of Mass.,	Corporation Tax, balance 1908	368 40
" " "	National Bank Tax, balance 1908	96 92
" " "	Contagious Diseases	65 00
" " "	Corporation Tax, 1909	4,923 97
" " "	National Bank Tax, 1909	624 66
" " "	Military Aid	35 00
" " "	State Aid	2,413 00
" " "	Temporary Aid	232 19
" " "	Burial Fund	37 00
" " "	Street Railway Tax	2,952 78
" " "	Tuition	200 50
" " "	Moth Account	4,454 64
" " "	Highway Commission	142 12
"	Temporary Loans	105,000 00
"	Herbert M. Viall, Collector, Tax Levy, 1907	5,032 80
"	Herbert M. Viall, Collector, Tax Levy, 1909	80,466 53
"	Herbert M. Viall, Collector, Street Railway Tax, 1909	2,442 75
"	Herbert M. Viall, Collector, Redemption of Land taken for Taxes	7 28
"	Herbert M. Viall, Collector, Certificate of Paid Taxes	2 00
"	Herbert M. Viall, Collector, Refund Acct. Postage	3 26
"	Merrick A. Stone, Collector, Tax Levy, 1908	17,003 87
"	Merrick A. Stone, Collector, Certificate of Paid Taxes	3 00
"	Merrick A. Stone, Collector, Refund Acct. Postage	6 50
"	Town of Norfolk, Outside Poor	120 17
"	Town of Marblehead, Outside Poor	48 00
"	Town of North Reading, Tuition	1,020 00
"	City of Boston, Tuition	12 00
"	Overseers of the Poor, Town Home	1,584 28
"	Overseers of the Poor, Frank Lamprey	18 00
"	Melville A. Stone, Supt., Material Sold, Fines, &c	49 85
"	Melville A. Stone, Supt., Tuition	25 00
"	Supt. of Moth Department, Collections	1,037 15
"	Water Supply Department, Payment of Bond	1,000 00
"	Insurance, Lowell St. School House	1,000 00
"	Interest on National Bank Deposits	214 90
"	Fourth District Court Fines	351 00
"	Special Committee Municipal Light Department	316 34
"	Cemetery Account, Sale of Single Graves, No.'s 26, 39, 45, 66, 75, 76, 77, 78, 81, 84	65 00
"	Cemetery Account, Sale Lot No. 813	60 00
" " "	Interest on Bequests	546 00
" " "	Material Sold	50 00
" " "	Rental of Tomb	5 00
"	Cemetery Bequests, Mrs. C. O. Tweed	50 00
" " "	Estate of Nathan Bancroft	100 00
" " "	Mrs. Caroline E. Wright	100 00
" " "	Selinda H. Pratt	85 00
" " "	Mrs. E. A. Lovejoy	100 00
" " "	Estate of H. H. Howard	100 00
" " "	Estate Mrs. H. E. Shackford	100 00
"	Frank W. Parker, Sealer Weights and Measures	24 88
"	Selectmen, License Fees	31 00
"	Tree Warden	15 00
"	Board of Health, E. R. Wylie	5 20
"	Municipal Light Board, Refund Over-payment School Bill	6 65
"	Municipal Light Board, Refund Over-payment Fire Dept. Bill	93
"	Fire Department, Telephone Tolls	10
		$235,588 90

TOWN OF READING Cr.

By Payment,	Balance of Interest on School House Bonds, due Aug. 1st, 1908	$100 00
"	Cemetery Note	100 00
"	Middlesex County Tax	5,552 05
"	State Tax	6,480 00
"	National Bank Tax	506 58
"	Wellington Bridge, Special Assessment	370 64
"	" " Interest	20 98
"	" " Cost of Maintenance	67 35
"	Repairs, State Highway	186 80
"	Selectmen's Orders, No. 79 to 1218 inclusive	221,199 10
"	Balance Cash on Hand Dec. 31st	1,005 40
		$235,588 90

WARD C. MANSFIELD,
Treasurer.

READING, MASS., Dec. 31st, 1909.

CITIZENS OF READING:—

In order to meet the obligations of the Town the past year I have been obliged to issue notes of the Town to the amount of $105,000.00 for temporary loans in anticipation of taxes, which is in excess of any previous year. $50,000.00 of this amount has been paid, leaving a balance of $55,000.00 unpaid.

The average daily balance of temporary loans for the year 1909 was $70,657.53.

The average rate of interest on temporary loans for the year 1909 was 3.40 per cent.

I have sold four $1,000.00 four per cent. Coupon Water Bonds which mature, one in 1928 and three in 1929.

For the purpose of extending the Municipal Light lines to the Town of Lynnfield, Mass., I have issued two notes of the Town, one for $1,000.00 and one $1,500.00, maturing in 1910 and 1911 respectively, bearing 4 per cent. interest.

Yours respectfully,

WARD C. MANSFIELD,
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT, TOWN OF READING

Water Supply Department

Dr.

Jan., 1909, To Cash Balance from 1908 Report	$249 67	
" From Water Commissioners	5,230 05	
Interest on Deposit, First National Bank	3 18	
		$5,482 90

Cr.

By Payment Water Commissioners' Orders	$782 36	
" Balance Cash on hand	4,700 54	
		$5,482 90

Edward F. Parker,
Treasurer.

Reading, Mass., March 1st, 1909.

TREASURER'S REPORT, TOWN OF READING

Water Supply Department

Dr.

March 1, To Cash, Edward F. Parker, Former Treasurer	$4,700 54	
" From Water Commissioners	16,776 08	
" Sale of Water Bonds	4,000 00	
" Premium on Water Bonds	350 00	
" Interest on Water Bonds	74 22	
" Interest on Deposits, First National Bank	71 62	
		$25,972 46

Cr.

By Payment Water Commissioners' Orders	$25,922 63	
" Balance Cash on hand	49 83	
		$25,972 46

Ward C. Mansfield,
Treasurer.

Reading, Mass., Dec. 31st, 1909.

TREASURER'S REPORT, TOWN OF READING

Municipal Light Department

Dr.

Jan., 1909, To Cash	Balance from 1908 Report	$154 35	
"	From Municipal Light Board Commissioners	4,954 02	
"	Interest, First National Bank Deposits	4 54	
"	Overdraft	174 08	
			$5,286 99

Cr.

By Payment Municipal Light Board Commissioners' Orders	$5,286 99

Edward F. Parker,
Treasurer.

Reading, Mass., March 1st, 1909.

TREASURER'S REPORT, TOWN OF READING

Municipal Light Department

Dr.

To Cash	from Municipal Light Board Commissioners	$30,435 13	
"	Proceeds of Note for Account Lynnfield Lighting	2,500 00	
"	Interest First National Bank Deposits	12 24	
			$32,947 37

Cr.

By Overdraft, Edward F. Parker, Former Treasurer	$174 08	
" Payment Municipal Light Board Commissioners' Orders	32,668 97	
" Balance Cash on hand	104 32	
		$32,947 37

Ward C. Mansfield,
Treasurer.

Reading, Mass., Dec. 31st, 1909

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

	APPROPRIATION	SUNDRY CREDITS	TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDING APPROPRIATI'N	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED	OVERDRAWN
Salaries of Town Officers	$3,500 00		$3,500 00	$3,418 68	$81 32	
Town Building and Office	590 00	$9 76	509 76	509 88		$ 12
Printing	700 00		700 00	736 55		36 55
Election Expenses	300 00		300 00	328 63		28 63
Soldiers' Relief	1,000 00		1,000 00	926 15	73 85	
Soldiers' Relief Account, Town of Marblehead				48 00		48 00
Burial Agent's Account				111 00		111 00
Decoration and Care of Soldiers' Graves	175 00		175 00	175 00		
State and Military Aid	2,500 00		2,500 00	2,409 00	91 00	
Account of Charles L. Haag				119 38		119 38
Rent of Playground	342 00		342 00	342 00		
Care and Improvement of Common and Parks	125 00		125 00	81 06	43 94	
Reading Water Works	12,700 00	1,000 00	13,700 00	13,700 00		
Municipal Light and Power Plant	10,500 00		10,500 00	10,500 00		
Municipal Light and Power Plant, Special Committee		322 93	322 93	320 93	2 00	
Interest on School House Notes and Bonds	3,835 00		3,835 00	3,895 00		60 00
School House Notes	3,000 00		3,000 00	3,000 00		
School House Bonds	9,000 00		9,000 00	9,000 00		
Interest	1,000 00	1,931 76	2,931 76	3,865 73		933 97
Abatement of Taxes	800 00		800 00	799 95	05	
Taxes on Property Taken				249 51		249 51
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000 00	87 69	1,087 69	1,119 61		31 92
Highways, Bridges and Repairs of Sidewalks	3,000 00	4,971 94	7,971 94	7,971 94		
Snow and Ice		1,040 81	1,040 81	1,040 81		
Street Sprinkling	450 00		450 00	456 73		6 73
Salem Street	1,000 00	1,334 21	2,334 21	2,334 21		
Fire Department	5,500 00	1 78	5,501 78	5,506 56		4 78
Fire Dept.—Hose	600 00		600 00	597 87	2 13	
Fire Dept.—Floor	150 00		150 00	142 55	7 45	
Police Department	3,800 00	351 00	4,151 00	3,997 66	153 34	
Board of Health	600 00	5 20	605 20	682 89		77 69
Laurel Hill Cemetery	1,100 00	601 00	1,701 00	1,700 25	75	
Tree Warden	150 00	15 00	165 00	163 15	1 85	
Forest Warden	150 00		150 00	287 70		137 70
Moth Account	2,096 00	6,851 04	8,947 04	8,947 04		
Overseers of the Poor	3,000 00	1,758 93	4,758 93	5,104 79		345 86
Commonwealth of Massachusetts				293 46		293 46

City of Cambridge				176 89		176 89
Town of Wilmington				19 55		19 55
Town of Norfolk				129 44		129 44
Town of Canton				79 56		79 56
Schools and School Incidentals	35,000 00	2,034 00	37,034 00	37,036 32		2 32
School House Lot, Lowell Street	500 00		500 00	500 00		
Public Library	1,000 00	682 01	1,682 01	1,682 26		25
Laurel Hill Cemetery, Special	1,200 00		1,200 00	1,200 00		
	$110,273 00	$22,999 06	$133,272 06	$135,707 69	$457 68	$2,893 31
Overdrawn	2,893 31					
Unexpended	457 68		2,435 63			
Expenses for Year 1909			$135,707 69			
Add Temporary Loans			100,000 00			
Total Selectmen's Orders			$235,707 69			
Expenses above			135,707 69			
Less following amounts due on account Year 1909						
State and Military Aid	2,409 00					
Commonwealth of Mass., Account Burial Agent	111 00					
Commonwealth of Mass., Poor Account	293 46					
City of Cambridge	176 89					
Town of Marblehead	48 00					
Town of Norfolk	129 44					
Town of Wilmington	19 55					
Town of Canton	79 56					
Charles L. Haag	119 38		3,386 28			
Net Expenses			$132,321 41			
Less Sundry Credits for 1909, as above			22,999 06			
			$109,322 35			
Less Temporary Loan			5,000 00			
Amount raised by Taxation and Appropriation from Available Assets			$104,322 35			

REPORT OF AUDITORS

LIABILITIES

Water bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1910	$189,000 00
Interest accrued on same	692 35
Electric light bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1910	56,500 00
Interest accrued on same	584 03
School bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1910	94,000 00
Interest accrued on same	758 69
Cemetery notes (non-interest bearing)	400 00
Temporary loans	55,000 00
Interest accrued on same	992 35
Road roller notes	400 00
Public Library bequest fund	200 00
Miscellaneous debts	500 00

TRUST FUNDS

Bequest of	Nancy Wakefield	$100 00
"	Thomas Sweetser	100 00
"	Sabrina Nichols	100 00
"	Martha Pike	25 00
"	Sarah Batchelder	25 00
"	T. T. Greenwood	500 00
"	Mark Temple	100 00
"	Susan Wright, Elizabeth Preston and Margaret Gilman	75 00
"	Elizabeth B. Eames and Ida L. Nelson	100 00
"	Sevena Coggin	100 00
"	Margaret Towne	100 00

Bequest of	Lucretia A. Hopkins and Elias Boardman . . .	$150 00
"	Sarah Smith . . .	100 00
"	Gilman D. Kingman - .	100 00
"	Rosamond C. Pratt . .	100 00
"	Mary F. Harnden . .	100 00
"	Mary B. Wakefield . .	100 00
"	James A. Bancroft, Ex. P. Jane Batchelder . . .	100 00
"	Arthur D. Kingman, Ex. Gardner French . . .	50 00
"	Estate of P. A. Corkins .	100 00
"	Dorinda R. Pratt, Ex. T. B. Pratt	200 00
"	Mary Ann McAllister . .	100 00
"	Gilman A. Coggin . .	100 00
"	Mary Ann McAllister for Joseph Bryant . . .	50 00
"	Mary Evans . . .	50 00
"	Frederick Bancroft, Ex. Harriet B. Bancroft . .	57 28
"	Estate of Samuel Pierce .	100 00
"	D. W. Berry, Ex. Caroline Hammond . . .	100 00
"	William L. Crowe . .	100 00
"	Heirs of George C. Coney .	100 00
"	Heirs of Sherman Chase .	75 00
"	Estate of Isaac M. Clark .	100 00
"	" Anna G. Butler .	150 00
"	" Mary E. Badger .	100 00
"	" Heil J. Nelson .	200 00
"	" John Burrill . .	100 00
"	" F. O. Dewey .	300 00
"	" S. H. Dinsmore .	100 00
"	Mary J. Kimball . . .	50 00
"	Alden and Lois D. Batchelder	100 00

Bequest of	Estate of Charles A. Weston	$100 00
"	Henry F. Parker . . .	100 00
"	Sarah D. Eaton . . .	100 00
"	Heirs of James H. Bancroft	75 00
"	Mary W. Pratt . . .	50 00
"	Climena Wakefield . .	100 00
"	Estate Louisa M. Eaton .	100 00
"	Maria E. Waitt . . .	100 49
"	Adrien Mertens . . .	200 00
"	Albert P. Gleason . .	50 00
"	Frances P. Dow . . .	100 00
"	Estate Thomas Richardson .	100 00
"	Helen M. Sherman . .	50 00
"	Fannie Cottrell . . .	50 00
"	Charles E. Hall . . .	100 00
"	Lucy W. Parker . . .	75 00
"	Estate Martha R. Temple .	100 00
"	Estate Needham Nichols .	100 00
"	Mary W. Pratt . . .	50 00
"	Mrs. James T. Norris . .	30 00
"	Estate Francis Kingman .	100 00
"	Estate Albert Nichols . .	100 00
"	George L. Smith . . .	200 00
"	Susan A. Martin . . .	100 00
"	Maria Carter . . .	100 00
"	Hubbard and Elbridge Copeland and Leander Willey .	150 00
"	John Draffin . . .	100 00
"	Hattie D. Pond, Executrix .	100 00
"	Trustees of Laura Frost .	50 00
"	Abby C. Clapp . . .	100 00
"	Emily Alice Jones . .	100 00
"	Emma M. Brown . .	75 00
"	F. Eliza Kingman . . .	100 00
"	Edward T. Pendergrast .	100 00
"	Fannie A. Morton . .	100 00

Bequest of	Lewis M. Bancroft	$50 00
"	Caroline L. White	50 00
"	Hannah C. Cochrane	50 00
"	Charles W. Cochrane	200 00
"	Edgar M. Knight	100 00
"	Reuben Weston	100 00
"	J. B. Hopkins	100 00
"	I. P. M. Wiggin	100 00
"	Joseph H. Gleason	50 00
"	Mary Norwood	50 00
"	Lyman Whiting	50 00
"	Ellen M. Carr	100 00
"	Emma S. Nelson	100 00
"	Henry E. Holden, Adm.	50 00
"	C. E. Skillings	100 00
"	Isaac Munroe	100 00
"	William H. Wightman	100 00
"	Lizzie B. Davis	100 00
"	Hubbard E. Cox	80 00
"	Helen C. Prentiss	100 00
"	Louise Leathe	100 00
"	Arthur M. Coons	75 00
"	Thomas and F. E. Appleton	150 00
"	Mary A. Gilman	100 00
"	A. Newell Howes	100 00
"	Mrs. Frances Todd	100 00
"	James F. Wright	100 00
"	Ella M. Damon	100 00
"	M. Elizabeth Broad	100 00
"	Walter H. Norris	75 00
"	Mary J. Harris	50 00
"	Estate of Milton D. Parker	100 00
"	Mary G. McIntire	50 00
"	Margaret O. Pinkham	150 00
"	Irma E. Mayo	100 00
"	Mrs. A. B. Matthews	100 00

Bequest of	Eunice E. Damon	$100 00	
"	Estate of Ellen M. Damon	75 00	
"	Abby C. Spokesfield	100 00	
"	Estate of Susan Bancroft	100 00	
"	Heirs of Clinton B. and Wm. J. Holden (per Treasurer's report, 1905)	100 00	
"	Florence W. Temple (per Treasurer's report, 1906)	75 00	
"	Mrs. Charles O. Tweed	50 00	
"	Nathan Bancroft	100 00	
"	Caroline E. Wright	100 00	
"	Selinda H. Pratt	85 00	
"	Estate of Eliza A. Barrows	100 00	
"	Rachel A. Coggin	50 00	
"	Mrs. E. A. Lovejoy	100 00	
"	Estate of H. H. Howard	100 00	
"	Estate of Mrs. H. E. Shackford	100 00	
		$12,377 77	
Interest accrued on above funds not yet expended		$848 96	$13,226 73
Total liabilities			$412,254 15

ASSETS

Unpaid taxes due Oct. 1, 1907	$175 90	
Unpaid taxes due Oct. 1, 1908	14,064 63	
Unpaid taxes due Oct. 1, 1909	41,110 13	
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes	1,695 23	
Due from Com. of Mass., State Aid account	2,409 00	
" Com. of Mass., Moth account	684 62	
" Com. of Mass., Burial account	111 00	
" Com. of Mass., Poor account	293 46	
" Com. of Mass., Salem St. Highway	1,000 00	

Due from Property Owners' Moth account	$280 25	
" Property Owners' Edgestone account	142 91	
	$61,967 13	
Due from City of Cambridge	$176 89	
" Town of Wilmington	19 55	
" Town of Norfolk	129 44	
" Town of Canton	79 56	
" Town of Marblehead	48 00	
" Charles L. Haag	119 38	
Cash in Treasury	1,005 40	
Cash in Treasury (Water Department)	49 83	
Cash in Treasury (Electric Light Dept.)	104 32	
		$63,699 50

AVAILABLE ASSETS IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES

Assets

Uncollected taxes, accrued interest and accounts due		$62,539 95
Cash in Treasury		1,005 40
		$63,545 35

Liabilities

Interest on school bonds	$758 69	
Interest on bequests	848 96	
Temporary loans and interest	55,992 35	
Credit in Treasurer's cash from State Highway Com., due Electric Light Department	121 31	
Miscellaneous debts	500 00	
Unexpended balance Street Railway Tax, available for Highway purposes only	299 81	
		$58,521 12
Balance available		$5,024 23

BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING

MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER
1910			
April 21	$2,000 00		
June 1			$7,000 00
August 1	3,000 00		
October 1		3,000 00	
November 1	5,000 00		
November 15		1,000 00	
December 7	1,000 00		
December 21	1,000 00		
1911			
June 1			7,000 00
August 1	3,000 00		
October 1		3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00		
November 15		1,500 00	
December 21	1,000 00		
1912			
March 15			10,000 00
June 1			7,000 00
August 1	3,000 00		
October 1		3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00		
December 21	1,000 00		
1913			
June 1			8,000 00
August 1	3,000 00		
October 1		3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00		
December 21	1,000 00		
1914			
June 1			8,000 00
August 1	3,000 00		

MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER
October 1		$3,000 00	
November 1	$4,000 00		
December 21	1,000 00		
1915			
June 1			$8,000 00
August 1	3,000 00		
October 1		3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00		
December 21	1,000 00		
1916			
June 1			13,000 00
October 1		3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00		
December 21	1,000 00		
1917			
June 1			13,000 00
October 1		3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00		
December 21	1,000 00		
1918			
June 1			$12,000 00
October 1		$3,000 00	
November 1	$4,000 00		
1919			
June 1			12,000 00
October 1		3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00		
1920			
June 1			12,000 00
October 1		3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00		

MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER
1921			
June 1			$12,000 00
October 1		$3,000 00	
November 1	$4,000 00		
1922			
June 1			12,000 00
October 1		3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00		
1923			
June 1			10,000 00
October 1		3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00		
1924			
June 1			10,000 00
October 1		3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00		
1925			
June 1			10,000 00
October 1		1,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00		
1926			
June 1			5,000 00
October 1		1,000 00	
1927			
June 1			5,000 00
October 1		1,000 00	
1928			
June 1			5,000 00
October 1		1,000 00	
1929			
June 1			3,000 00
October 1		1,000 00	

MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER
1930			
October 1		$1,000 00	
1931			
October 1		1,000 00	
1932			
October 1		1,000 00	
1933			
October 1		1,000 00	
	$94,000 00	$56,500 00	$189,000 00

Cemetery Notes

MATURITY		
1910		
April 28	$100 00	
1911		
April 28	100 00	
1912		
April 28	100 00	
1913		
April 28	100 00	
		$400 00

Road Roller Notes

June 20, 1910	$400 00
Total Bonds and Notes	$340,300 00

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Water Commissioners, Electric Light Commissioners and Moth Superintendent and found satisfactory vouchers for all expenditures.

We have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk, Collectors and Treasurer and found them correct.

The outstanding loans in anticipation of taxes Jan. 1, 1910, are as follows:

Date	Time	Sold to	Rate	Amount
Mar. 17, 1909	1 yr.	Eliot Nat. Bank	3.32 per ct. dis.	$20,000.00
June 4, 1909	1 yr.	Loring Tolman & Tupper	3.38 per ct. dis.	20,000.00
Sep. 11, 1909	6 m.	Eliot Nat. Bank	4 per ct. dis.	5,000.00
Dec. 16, 1909	4 m.	Com. of Mass.	4 1-2 per ct. dis.	5,000.00
Dec. 16, 1909	5 m.	Com. of Mass.	4 1-2 per ct. dis.	5,000.00
				$55,000 00

We have examined the bonds and notes paid during the year and have found them to be duly paid and cancelled, with the exception of school bond for $1,000, due August 1, which has not been redeemed by the owner, and for which Treasurer's check is still outstanding.

We would call attention to the fact that the collections of the Moth Department, amounting to over $1,000 for the past year, are made by the Superintendent of that Department. Article IV, Section 5, of the Town By Laws reads as follows: "The Treasurer shall be the collector of all sums of money payable to the Town, not otherwise specially provided for by Statutes, or by the By Laws," which calls for a change in the method of handling of these accounts.

We also wish to call attention to Article V, Section 1, of the By Laws relating to contracts by Town Officers:

"ARTICLE V

CONTRACTS BY TOWN OFFICERS

SECT. 1. No member of the Board of Selectmen or any officer of the Town authorized to make any contract or agreement in behalf of the Town for labor, materials, goods, wares or merchandise furnished to the Town, or for a loan of money, shall be interested in a private capacity, either directly or indirectly, in such contract, agreement or loan; nor shall either directly or indirectly, for himself, or for any other person, receive any commission, discount, bonus,

present or reward from the persons making such sale, loan, contract or agreement, for furnishing such materials, goods, wares or merchandise."

In our opinion, the pay rolls of the Cemetery Department are not properly receipted and we have not approved them.

EDWARD F. PARKER,
ARTHUR W. BANCROFT,
CARL M. SPENCER,
Auditors.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S. S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in Lower Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1910, at six o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, one member of the Board of Assessors for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one member of Board of Health for three years, two Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Water Commissioner for two years unexpired term, one Water Commissioner for one year unexpired term, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years,two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the School Committee for

three years, three Auditors and one Tree Warden for one year; also on same ballot, Yes or No, in answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourth day of February, A. D. 1910.

JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
GEORGE L. PRATT,
Selectmen of Reading.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S. S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in election and Town affairs to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1910, at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Finance Committee, Tree Warden, and Special Committees.

Art. 3. To choose all other town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town officers.

Art. 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Sprinkling Streets, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (providing abutters pay one-half),Fire Department, Police Department, Moth Department, Forest Warden, Support of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid,Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Buildings, Cemetery, Public Library,Memorial Day,Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock,Interest Account, Care and Improvement of Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Work, Miscellaneous Expenses, Tree Warden and Rent of Playground.

Art. 5. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate with the receipts of the Municipal Light and Power Department for the year 1910, for maintenance, operation, repairs, and new construction of said plant, and for payment of Bonds, Notes, Interest and Depreciation due by said plant during this year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to extend its lines to the Town of North Reading, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars ($7,500) to extend the

lines of the Municipal Light and Power Department to the Town of North Reading, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred and seven dollars and fifty-five cents ($1,207.55) to make up the deficiency in the street lighting appropriation for 1909, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an incandescent street lamp on Green street, near the corner of Elliot street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an incandescent street lamp on Arlington street, midway between Woburn and Prescott streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install incandescent street lamps on High street at the corner of Middlesex avenue, also junction of High and Woburn streets and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an incandescent street lamp on Pleasant street, at the corner of Parker street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install a Tungsten light on a pole on Berkeley street, midway between Woburn and Fremont streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc or incandescent light at the

intersection of Scotland road and South Prospect street,and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc or incandescent light on Middlesex avenue, midway between High and Vine streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc or incandescent light on Grand street, north of Middlesex avenue, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc or incandescent light at or near the residence of J. B. Nichols, on North Main street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art.18. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc or incandescent light on West street, at the junction of Summer avenue and Willow street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc or incandescent light at the corner of Grove and Franklin streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to renew the storage battery, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a pung for Hose four, and how much money they will raise and

appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to paint Hose Houses three and four on the outside, and Hose House two on the inside, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to locate a Fire Alarm box at the corner of Temple street and Summer avenue, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to locate a Fire Alarm box on West street, at or near the J. B. Severance estate, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 25. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan and maintenance of water works, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1, in anticipation of the collection of taxes for said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 27. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-three hundred ninety dollars ($3390) to meet the interest on School House notes and bonds.

Art. 30. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School house lot note for two thousand dollars due April 21, 1910.

Art. 31. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment on the High School house bonds for three thousand dollars due August 1, 1910.

Art. 32. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School house bonds for five thousand dollars due November 1, 1910.

Art. 33. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School house note for one thousand dollars due December 3, 1910.

Art. 34. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School house note for one thousand dollars due December 21, 1910.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will purchase land for a playground, and how much money they will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate nine hundred seventy-five dollars ($975) to pay for inspection of beef for 1909, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) toward band concerts the coming summer, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 38. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, to make a thorough revaluation of the property of the Town and publish same in a book, and to see what instructions they will give the Board of Assessors, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will instruct all Town Officers placing Fire Insurance, to use the Blanket Form, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will instruct its several officials to hereafter secure its insurance through the Town Treasurer, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ a Clerk, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 42. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of Highland ave. and Vine place, from High street to Mineral street, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct its Treasurer to keep all money which may hereafter be received for the sale of Cemetery Lots separate from all other money of the Town, and deposit the same in the Savings Bank or banks, when received. All money so received together with the income thereof, shall be known as "The Cemetery Fund," and shall be kept intact until such time as the Town shall vote to use the whole or any part thereof, for the care or improvement of the Cemetery, to which use it is hereby set apart and appropriated, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to remove the elevation on Winthrop avenue, near Lowell street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 45. To see if the town will widen the sidewalk on the westerly side of Main street, at the curve near the Old South M. E. church, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will amend its By Laws so that the annual town meeting for the transaction of business may be held on some day other than the first Monday in March.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to furnish creosote free to citizens of the Town to paint gypsy moth nests, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 48. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the repair of the same.

Art. 49. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling vacancies which may occur on the Finance Committee.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourth day of February, A. D. 1910.

JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
GEORGE L. PRATT,
Selectmen of Reading.

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